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Parliament's body to interview judges for high courts

Non-appearance before the committee will deprive a candidate of nomination

By Malik Asad

ISLAMABAD: The Parliamentary Committee on Appointment of Judges on Friday amended its rules to invite candidates for judicial posts in the provincial and Islamabad high courts.

Earlier, the parliamentary committee, in the wake of a judicial order during the period of former chief justice Iftikhar Mohammad Chaudhry, had virtually become a rubber stamp. The apex court while examining the scope of the committee held that recommendations of the Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) would stand approved if the committee could not consider a name within 14 days. The former CJP had also made it difficult for the parliamentary committee to reject the JCP's recommendations.

As per the amended rules, in case of non-appearance before the parliamentary committee, the nomination of a judge will be deemed to have been cancelled.

The committee also decided to invite three nominees recommended by the JCP for the vacant positions in the Islamabad High Court. The committee will meet again on Dec 4. Besides considering the names of lawyers for the IHC posts, it will also elect its new chairman to preside over meetings for a period of six months.

The JCP, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Asif Saeed Khan Khosa, had on Nov 21 approved the names of three lawyers, including a female advocate Lubna Saleem Pervez, for the IHC posts. The other two are Fiaz Anjum Jandran and Ghulam Azam Qambrani.

Ms Pervez has served as deputy attorney general at the Sindh High Court. Mr Jandran is an Islamabad-based lawyer and a member of the Islamabad Bar Council. He also held the post of IHC vice chairman a couple of years ago.

Mr Qambrani is an eminent lawyer from Balochistan and was a member of the executive committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan.

As per Article 175-A of the Constitution, the JCP nominates the names of judges for vacant posts in the high courts and Federal

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LAHORE: (Top) Participants of Student Solidarity March passing through Nasir Bagh on Friday. (Bottom, from left to right) Students perform a play outside the National Press Club in Islamabad. Marchers pictured at Karachi's Saddar, and in Peshawar, students carrying placards inscribed with their demands hold a protest at Sher Shah Suri Road near Governor House.—Aun Jahi-White Star / Online / PPI / Shahbaz Butt-White Star

PM assails opposition at huddle on COAS extension ruling

Heaps praise on govt legal team

By Syed Irfan Raza

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday presided over another meeting of senior leaders of the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) on the Supreme Court verdict granting extension in tenure of Chief of the Army Staff Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa for six months, but remained "harsh" on the opposition despite the need to be in harmony with them to make smooth legislation on the issue of COAS's service and extension as directed by the apex court.

In another development, Farogh Naseem again took the oath as law minister. President Dr Arif Alvi administered the oath to Mr Naseem who had resigned from his post on Tuesday to plead the case of the army chief in the Supreme Court.

A participant of the meeting told *Dawn* that the prime minister remained on the path of confrontation and continued "bashing" opposition leaders during the huddle. The prime minister repeated that those expecting "clash of institutions" and mafias were disappointed by the Supreme Court's decision.

It has been learnt that the prime minister did not give any specific guideline to the party leaders in the light of the Supreme Court judgement and spent most

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Students across country rally for right to unionise

By Tooba Masood

KARACHI: Students across Pakistan took to the streets on Friday afternoon to demand their right to unionise.

The countrywide Student Solidarity March, led by the Student Action Committee (SAC), had been in the works for the past couple of weeks as students, graduates, their parents and activists decided to band together against fee hike, harassment and surveillance on campus.

For many students such as Arafa, the lack of basic facilities for students at public-sector varsities like Karachi University was also a factor.

As she got ready to march from Regal Chowk to Karachi Press Club, she told *Dawn* that she was marching because the students of Gilgit-Baltistan had next to no access to further education.

"There is only one university in GB and it is not worth going to. In order to become someone, many young people from GB move to Karachi like me but even that is not a simple

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Promotions, reshuffle in federal bureaucracy

By Iftikhar A. Khan

ISLAMABAD: In a massive reshuffle in the bureaucracy, the federal government has appointed Wajid Zia as director general of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and reappointed Yousuf Naseem Khokhar to the position of interior secretary.

Mr Khokhar had been relieved of his duty as chief secretary of Punjab three days ago and his services

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had been placed at the disposal of the federation. He held the position of interior secretary before being made chief secretary last year.

The other key post of FIA DG was given to inspector general of railways police Wajid Zia, who headed the joint investigation team (JIT) that probed the NAB references against former prime minister Nawaz Sharif. He was appointed as railways police IG after the

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NAB probe into Fazala housing scheme starts

The National Accountability Bureau launches a probe into the Fazala Housing Scheme, Karachi. A statement said on Friday over 6,000 people had invested Rs13 billion in the project but they did not get any land or refund of the amount. Recently, a video of a protest went viral in which people were seen having an argument with a man in uniform. Page 15

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FBR chief allays traders' concerns over possible raids

Says that turnover tax will be reduced for small businesses on case-to-case basis and its threshold will be enhanced

By Kalbe Ali

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Shabbar Zaidi has assured the business community that raids would not be carried out on places of registered taxpayers for collection of income tax or sales tax.

He, however, called upon businessmen and traders to help the authorities solve the problems of smuggling and tax evasion.

Talking to a delegation of the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) here on Friday, the FBR chief said he would ask the Directorate General of Intelligence and Investigation of Inland Revenue (IR) to largely refrain from mounting raids.

Mr Zaidi agreed to a proposal for granting the power of imposing penalties to an official not below the rank of an FBR member, who would evaluate the complaints/charges against an individual and then give permission for a raid, if really needed.

The sensitive issue came under discussion when some members of the RCCI delegation expressed strong reservations over the raids being conducted by the FBR officials along with security personnel and termed them "totally unjustified".

The FBR chairman told the delegation that turnover tax would be reduced for small traders and businessmen on a case-to-case basis and its threshold would be enhanced.

"Hajj companies making payments to Saudi Arabia under Section 152 will be evaluated and exempted from withholding tax," he added.

"The threshold for withholding agents registered with sales tax will be enhanced; the importers' registration and the web-based registration package WEBOC will be made easier," Mr Zaidi said.

RCCI president Saboor Malik said to the FBR chief: "The economy is passing through difficult times and we are also suffering, but we require better partnership with the FBR as joint efforts are essential for the economy's revival."

He said that raids and closure of business centres gave a negative message, besides adversely affecting the reputation and goodwill of the businesses concerned.

The RCCI delegation included Sohail Altaf, Jalil Ahmed Malik, Asad Mashhadi, Raja Amer Iqbal and Shahid Saleem. FBR's member for tax policy Hamid Atiq also attended the meeting.

"The situation [during a raid] gives the impression that an activist of a banned or terrorist outfit has been arrested," said Mr Malik while explaining the manner in which the FBR officials carry out the raids on business centres.

Two minor girls found dead in maize field

VEHARI: Two minor girls, missing since Thursday afternoon from Basti Chamanabad, were found killed in the nearby field in Mailsi on Friday.

Seven-year-old Sania, daughter of Abdul Ghafar, and her six-year-old cousin Fauzia, daughter of Ghulam Abbas, left home for the local mosque on Thursday afternoon and when they did not return, their families alerted the local police about the disappearance of the girls. The police registered a case against five people and launched a wide-scale search. On Friday morning, both girls were found dead in the nearby maize crop field.

District Police Officer (DPO) Akhtar Farooq visited the spot too. The families of the deceased girls said they had no enmity with anyone. Station House Officer (SHO) Iqbal Shah said that on the complaint of Parveen Bibi, mother one of the deceased girls, got registered a kidnapping case against five people, of them three nominated, and all the nominated people — Hanif, Hasham and Azhar — had been arrested.

"The police are taking all aspects into consideration and more facts would be revealed after postmortem reports," he added. The police shifted bodies to the Mailsi Tehsil Headquarters Hospital for postmortem.

The SHO said told *Dawn* the initial autopsy report showed that both girls were strangled to death. He said the police were conducting raids in various parts of Mailsi and Kehror Pacca to arrest the remaining suspects.

He said the police registered a murder case against five accused. He did not mention the name of the two suspects yet to be arrested. Deceased girl families demanded that the chief minister take action of the incident. According to the police, Chief Minister Usman Buzdar took notice of the incident and ordered arrest of the culprits.
—Gulzar Baig

PML-N to lodge FIR against police torture of its MPA

LAHORE: PML-N lawmakers have condemned the alleged manhandling of their colleague by police during appearance of former railways minister Khwaja Saad Rafique in court in the Paragon City scam case and announced registering a first information report (FIR) against those responsible.

The lawmakers held a meeting over the alleged torture of MPA Tauseeq Butt by police in the Punjab Assembly opposition chamber on Friday and decided to approach the police station concerned to register a case against the (police) officers responsible for this. They also condemned the Buzdar administration for stopping journalists from entering the court to perform their professional duty.

Former speaker Rana Iqbal said Mr Butt's hand was injured in the police torture. He said a privilege motion would be moved in the Punjab Assembly in this regard and the PML-N would also speak to the new inspector general of police and seek action against the culprits.

MPA Azma Bokhari said this was not the first time that police had misbehaved with the PML-N leaders, workers and journalists.

"We have brought this matter to Law Minister Basharat Raja but he fails to ensure action against the officials responsible for this," she complained.

SP Headquarters Qarar Hussain, she said, was looking after the security affairs during the appearance of Saad Rafique at the accountability court.

"We don't know what's wrong with Mr Qarar," she asked.

SP Qarar told the reporters that he had the (court) order to stop the reporters from entering the court. However, according to a court official, no such order was issued. Interestingly, the police used mega phone outside the court, making it difficult for Saad Rafique to do media talk.

Ms Bokhari warned if police did not stop manhandling the PML-N workers during appearances of their detained leaders in court, they (workers) would be forced to take law into their hands.

MPA Samiullah Khan said the PML-N would continue raising this issue in and outside the assembly till redress of its grievances.

Malik Ahmed said the party would register an FIR against those involved in the torture of Mr Butt. He said the presence of riot police during the appearance of PML-N leaders in court exposed the real intention of the PTI government.—Staff Reporter

14 injured as blast rips through rickshaw

Hizbul Ahrar's offshoot claims responsibility for the blast

By Asif Chaudhry



LAHORE: CTD officials collect evidence from the blast site near Chauburji.—White Star

LAHORE: Fourteen people were injured when a bomb exploded in a stationary rickshaw near Chauburji on Multan Road on Friday.

The incident that police dubbed a terrorist activity was held a day after the facilitator in Data Darbar's suicide bombing which took place earlier this year, was sentenced to death by the Anti-Terrorism Court.

The proscribed Hizbul Ahrar (HuA), a splinter group of the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan Jamaat-ul-Ahrar (TTP-JA), claimed responsibility for Friday's blast. The group had carried out a suicide blast outside Data Darbar in May last that claimed lives of more than a dozen people including personnel of the Elite Force.

A senior official told Dawn that the blast occurred in a rickshaw soon after its driver parked it alongside Multan Road near Chauburji in search of a washroom to answer the call of nature. Fourteen passersby suffered minor injuries and were taken to hospitals nearby by the Rescue 1122 ambulances, he said.

Quoting initial inquiry, the official said the driver, Ramzan, had picked up a passenger from Sheraton to drop him at Chauburji. The suspect who was carrying the shopping bag got down in a hurry almost a kilometre short of his destination and disappeared after paying the fare. Officials of the law-enforcement agencies (LEAs) believe the suspect wanted to detonate the device close to a place at Chauburji during Friday prayer. It's yet to be ascertained why he left the explosive material in the rickshaw before disappearing, he said.

Initially, he said, police were alerted through information about a cylinder blast and the Rescue 1122 got a call about a transformer blast. Preliminary investigation confirmed that it was an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) dropped by an unidentified passenger in the rickshaw, he said.

A team of the Rescue 1122 said they provided first-aid to two of the injured on the spot and took others to the hospitals nearby for treatment of minor injuries.

A spokesperson for the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) said the blast occurred in a rickshaw near Chauburji around 11:25am. According to the crime scene details, he said, 14 passersby suffered minor injuries when they were going pass the rickshaw.

The driver claimed he didn't notice that the passenger had left the shopping bag in his vehicle before getting down. No sooner had he parked it alongside Multan Road than he heard a deafening sound of blast, the CTD spokesperson quoted him as having said.

"According to the Bomb Disposal Squad and PFSA staff's initial assessment, it can be an IED the weight and nature of which will be determined after analysis," he said.

Aleem, one of the injured, said he was on his motorcycle and a powerful blast ripped through a rickshaw he was close to and lost his control. The motorcycle, he said, collided with another two-wheeler and he suffered bruises on his legs. He later found out that the rickshaw was reduced to skeleton. "I was standing at the stop to cross the road when a blast shook the ground," said Asim Ali who also suffered injuries. It seemed a hard object hit his chest and he fell on the road. The next moment, he said, he found more people on the ground and many others running for shelter in panic.

DIG Investigation Inam Waheed told the media that the personnel of the LEAs collected ball-bearings from the crime scene and the explosive material was estimated to be three to five kilograms. It would be premature to say anything about the target of the suspected terrorist, he said.

Entire top bureaucracy reshuffled in Punjab

By Intikhab Hanif

LAHORE: Acting desperately, the Punjab government, being accused of inaction and inefficiency, on Friday changed almost the entire top bureaucracy in Punjab, including 31 secretaries (home and additional chief secretary among them), eight out of nine commissioners and 15 deputy commissioners.

Principal secretaries to the governor and the chief minister were also changed.

Political and administrative circles have been accusing Chief Minister Usman Buzdar of stalling activity in the province. Media has also been hinting at prime minister's reported insistence to carry on with his hand-picked chief minister from south Punjab despite concerns being shown even within his party over the "slow motion" of the provincial PTI government.

Administrative officers and political circles termed Friday's tsunami of reshuffle a mad rush to divert attention from the performance of the PTI political leadership. They also apprehended that changing of officials from one place to another would not do any good to the province or its people. If the changed deputy commissioners were not delivering at one place as to how some of them given the same posts in other districts would emerge as the "doers".

Change of administrative officers at this scale is always witnessed in Pakistan on the arrival of a government of a party different from the outgoing set-up. The new set-up selects a team carefully and implements its policies while trusting it, making occasional adjustments when and where required. This time the sweeping change has been made by a government after completing just 15 months of its tenure.

Bureaucracy has been mentioning NAB interventions and lack of major initiatives by the provincial government as two central reasons for their lack of performance.

Insiders said that lists of new administrative and police team had already been made and they were shown to new Chief Secretary Azam Suleman when he called on Chief Minister Usman Buzdar earlier in the day.

Political observers termed the move an admission by the PTI Punjab government that it had not been able to effectively run the province. The Punjab chief secretary and the IGP have already been changed and sent to Islamabad.

Meanwhile, Governor's Principal Secretary Babar Hayat Tarar was transferred and posted as BoR senior member/chief land commissioner vice Shaukat Ali who was posted as additional chief secretary vice Sardar Ajaz Ahmad Khan.

Chief Minister's Principal Secretary Dr Shoaib Akbar was recalled by the federal government and was granted a 90-day leave. He was replaced by Multan Commissioner Iftikhar Sahoo.

Specialised Healthcare Secretary Momin Agha was transferred and posted as additional chief secretary (home) vice Syed Ali Murtaza.

Mr Murtaza was transferred and posted as irrigation secretary vice Saif Anjum.

Livestock Secretary Nabeel Awan was transferred and posted as Specialised Healthcare secretary in place of Momin Agha.

Additional Chief Secretary Agriculture Sumaira Samad was transferred and posted as Literacy secretary.

OSD retired Capt Muhammad Asif was posted as forest secretary.

Special Education Secretary Dr Rashid Mansoor was transferred and posted as Governor's principal secretary.

Communication Secretary Tahir Khurshid was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He will be replaced by Asadullah Khan being sent to the provincial government.

Schools Secretary Irum Bukhari was transferred and posted as additional chief secretary (energy).

Literacy Secretary Arif Anwar Baloch was transferred and posted as additional chief secretary agriculture vice Ms Sumair Samad.

Urbanisation and Infrastructure Development Additional Chief Secretary Dr Raheel Siddiqui was transferred and posted as Chief Minister's Inspection Team chairman. He will be replaced by Hamid Yaqoob Sheikh.

Social Welfare Secretary Ambreen Raza was transferred and posted as Women Development Department secretary vice Nabeel Javed.

Youth Affairs Secretary Nadeem Mahbub was transferred and posted as Housing Secretary vice Nasim Sadiq.

Environment Secretary Salman Ijaz was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Management and Professional Development Department Secretary Saima Saeed.

Mines Secretary Amir Ijaz Akbar was transferred and directed to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Population Welfare Secretary Hassan Iqbal.

Prosecution Secretary Khalid Sherdil was transferred and posted as Management and Professional Development Department secretary. He was replaced by Women Development Department Secretary Nabeel Javed.

OSD Sheheryar Sultan was posted as Schools Secretary vice Irum Bukhari.

Awaiting posting, Gulzar Hussain Shah was posted as Auqaf secretary.

Rawalpindi Commissioner Saqib Zafar was posted as Energy secretary.

BoR Member (Consolidation) Waqas Ali Mahmood was transferred and posted as Food secretary vice Zafarullah Khan.

Energy Secretary Aamir Jan was transferred and posted as Population Welfare secretary.

Food Secretary Zafar Nasrullah Khan was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD.

Special Secretary Home Ehsan Bhutta was transferred and posted as Youth Affairs secretary.

Punjab Overseas Pakistanis Commission Commissioner Javed Iqbal Bokhari was posted as Special Education secretary.

Cooperatives Secretary Mansoor Qadir was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Ahmad Raza Sarwar being sent to Punjab.

Punjab Employees Social Security Institution Commissioner Saqib Manan was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by OSD Tanwir Iqbal Tabassum.

Registrar Cooperative Societies Faisal Zaheer was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by OSD Shahid Niaz.

Mines Director General Shaukat Khichi was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Punjab Curriculum and Textbook Board Managing Director Muhammad Akhtar.

Excise Director General Zahid Hussain was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by OSD Sohail Shahzad.

LDA Director General Usman Moazzam was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by S&GA Additional Secretary Sumair Ahmad Syed.

Rawalpindi Development Authority DG Nadeem Ahmad Abro was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Primary Healthcare Additional Secretary (Admn) Ammara Khan.

Primary Healthcare Additional Secretary Irfan Nawaz was transferred and posted as Punjab Food Authority DG relieving Secretary Primary Healthcare Capt (retd) Usman of the additional charge.

Commissioner: Irrigation Secretary Saif Anjum was posted as Lahore Commissioner vice Asif Bilal Lodhi who was sent to the federal government.

OSD Dr Farah Masood was posted as Sargodha Commissioner vice Zafar Iqbal who was sent to the federal government.

Schools Education Department Special Secretary (Operations) Shamil Haq was posted as Multan Commissioner vice Iftikhar Ali Sahoo.

Dera Ghazi Khan Commissioner Mudassar Riaz malik was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Housing Secretary Nasim Sadiq.

Forest Secretary Capt Muhammad Mahmood (retd) was transferred and posted as Rawalpindi Commissioner vice Saqib Zafar.

Bahawalpur Commissioner Nayyar Iqbal was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by BoR's Chief Settlement Commissioner Muhammad Asif Iqbal.

Sahiwal Commissioner Nadeemur Rehman was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Overseas Pakistanis Director General Ahsan Waheed.

Commissioner Faisalabad Mahmood Javed Bhatti was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Ishrat Ali, who is at the disposal of the provincial government.

Deputy Commissioners (DCs): Sheikhupura DC Tariq Mahmood Bukhari was transferred and directed to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by S&GAD's Deputy Secretary (Establishment) Sidrah Unis.

Attock DC Ishrat Ullah Khan Niazi was transferred and directed to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Chief Minister Punjab's Additional Secretary (Coordination) Ali Anan Qamar.

Okara DC Maryam Khan was transferred and posted in place of Mr Ali Anan. She was replaced by OSD Usman Ali.

Gujranwala DC Naila Baqir was transferred and directed to report to the S&GAD. She was replaced by Wildlife and Parks Director General Sohail Ashraf.

Sialkot DC Muhammad Umer Sher was transferred and posted as Mianwali DC. He was replaced by Mianwali DC Nasir Muhammad Bashir.

Narowal DC Dr Muhammad Waheed Asghar was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Local Government Additional Secretary Mehr Shahid Zaman.

Chakwal DC Abdul Sattar was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by BoR Secretary (Colonies) Muhammad Zaman Wattoo.

Sargodha DC Asia Gul was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. She was replaced by Primary Healthcare Deputy Secretary (Admn) Abdullah Nayyar Sheikh.

Khanewal DC Ashfaq Ahmad was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Multan ADC (Revenue) Agha Zaheer Abbas Sherazi.

Sahiwal DC Dr Ehtesham Anwar was transferred and directed to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Layyah DC Zeeshan Javaid. Dera Ghazi Khan AC Coordination) Azfar Zia was posted as Layyah DC.

Vehari DC Irfan Ali Khan was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Dera Ghazi Khan DC Waqas Rashid. Tahir Farooq of the CM office was posted as Dera Ghazi Khan DC.

Rahim Yar Khan DC Jameel Ahmad Jameel was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Muzaffargarh DC Ali Shahzad. BoR's Secretary (Revenue) Amjad Shoaib Khan Tareen was posted as Muzaffargarh DC.

Chiniot DC Aman Anwar Kedwai was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Chief Minister's Office Deputy Secretary Muhammad Riaz.

Rajanpur DC Afzal Nasir Khan was transferred and asked to report to the S&GA. He was replaced by Labour Department Additional Secretary Zulfiqar Ali.

IGP changes half of police command after assuming charge

LAHORE: A day after assuming the charge, newly-appointed IGP Ghulam Dastgir has changed almost half command of the police force, including four regional police officers (RPOs), the Lahore capital city police officer (CCPO) and 19 district police officers (DPOs) on Friday.

The IGP also surrendered services of six other police officers of BPS-20, BPS-19 and BPS-18 from Punjab to the Establishment Division, Islamabad.

The transfer of Rahim Yar Khan DPO Amir Taimur, the relative of Chief Minister Usman Buzdar, remained the talk of the town.

The major initiative was taken in respect of change of command of Lahore police by making transfer of CCPO BA Nasir and Operations DIG Ashfaq Ahmad Khan. Both officers have been replaced by Information Technology DIG Zulfiqar Hameed and DIG Logistics and Procurement Rai Babar Saeed, respectively.

According to the notifications, BA Nasir was transferred and posted as additional IG Traffic Punjab vice Muhammad Farooq Mazhar who has been transferred and posted as RPO Sheikhupura vice Sohail Habib Tajik. Similarly, Ashfaq Ahmad Khan was transferred and posted as DIG Establishment-I at Central Police Office. Mr Tajik was transferred and posted as RPO Rawalpindi vice retired Capt Ehsan Tufail who was transferred and posted as DIG Commandant Police Training College Lahore.

Bahawalpur RPO Imran Mahmood was transferred and posted as DIG Discipline and Inspection vice Ahsan Younas who was transferred and posted as the city police officer Rawalpindi from where Faisal Rana was transferred and posted as DIG Logistics and Procurement at the CPO.

Establishment-I DIG Riffat Mukhtar was transferred and posted as RPO Faisalabad vice Ghulam Mahmood Dogar who was transferred and posted as DIG Information Technology at CPO. DIG Police Commandant Gohar Mushtaq Bhutta has been transferred and posted as CPO Gujranwala vice Moeen Masood who was made officer on special duty.

Counter Terrorism Department DIG Muhammad Sohail Chaudhry and CPO Faisalabad Muhammad Azhar Akram have been mutually transferred and posted.

Awaiting posting, Shoaib Khurram has been posted as director police matters in the office of Overseas Pakistan Commission Punjab against existing vacancy.

Those six police officers sent to the disposal of Establishment Division included DIGs Dr Moeen Masood and DIG Operations CPO retired Captain Atta Muhammad and SSPs Syed Ali Mohsan (awaiting posting), and Muhammad Maroof Safdar Wahla.

Similarly, services of two SPs, including Assistant Inspector General (AIG) gender crimes Punjab Maria Mahmood and Special Branch Punjab SP Shakir Mahmood Shahid have also been surrendered to Islamabad.

Omer Saeed, awaiting posting, has been transferred and posted as Okara DPO vice Jahanzeb Nazir Khan who was transferred and posted as Battalion Commander PC Lahore against existing vacancy.

AIG Admin CPO Hassan Raza Khan has been transferred and posted as Jhang DPO vice Attaur Rehman who was transferred and posted as SP Investigation-I Punjab.

SP Investigation-I Punjab Quddus Baig has been transferred and posted as DPO Bahawalnagar in place of Anwar Khetran who was transferred and posted as AIG Admin CPO Punjab while Faisalabad SSP Investigation Syed Nadeem Abbas has been transferred and posted as Muzaffargarh DPO vice Sadiq Ali who has been transferred and posted as the SSP Telecommunications Punjab.

SSP Telecommunications Punjab Muntazir Mehdi has been transferred and posted as DPO Rahim Yar Khan vice Amir Taimur who was transferred and posted as SP Special Branch, Multan Region.

CTD Punjab SSP Sohaib Ashraf and Bahawalpur DPO vice Sarfraz Khan Virk have been mutually transferred and posted.

Special Branch Multan Region SP Habibullah Khan has been transferred and directed to report to the CPO. SSP Headquarters Traffic Punjab Ammara Athar has been transferred and posted as DPO Sargodha vice Hassan Mushtaq Sukhera who was transferred and posted as the Personal Staff Officer (PSO) to the IGP Punjab.

IGP Punjab PSO Abdul Qadir Qamar has been transferred and posted as SSP Headquarters Traffic Punjab. AIG Development CPO Muhammad Hassan Iqbal has been transferred and posted as DPO Attock vice Syed Shahzad Nadeem Bukhari who has been transferred and posted as AIG development at CPO.

Muhammad Asim, awaiting posting, has been transferred and appointed as SSP Investigation Faisalabad.—Staff Reporter

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Instilling democracy in parties a huge challenge: PTI MNA

Arbab agrees with proposal that party ticket holder and office-bearer should not be the same

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: A lawmaker from the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) surprised many on Friday by saying that instilling democracy within political parties, including his own, is a huge challenge.

Sher Ali Arbab, PTI's MNA from Peshawar, was the one who had the courage to candidly concede that there was dearth of democracy within political parties. He was speaking at the concluding session of a national conference on electoral reforms organised by the Free and Fair Election Network (Fafen) here. Mr Arbab agreed with a proposal that the party ticket holder and office-bearer should not be the same.

Former Senator Taj Haider of the Pakistan Peoples Party, while speaking on the occasion, also said he was in favour of credible intra-party elections.

He said that the armed forces should have no role in the electoral process. He said an amendment to the Constitution, if needed, could be made to meet the purpose.

He also criticised politicians for giving so much importance to the army chief. He recalled an event where Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered an address in 2015. He said he counted as many as 83 lawmakers shaking hands with the then army chief, retired Gen Raheel Sharif. He said the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and two other services chiefs were also present there.

Mr Haider said the ECP enjoyed unlimited powers under Article 218 of the Constitution to ensure holding of free, fair and transparent elections and wondered as to why it did not proceed against those who created hurdles in the way of fair polls.

He questioned the authenticity of the census carried out before the 2018 general elections, pointing out that the population of Karachi dropped by over five million in five years, if the head count was to be believed.

The PPP leader said 24th amendment to the Constitution had been supported by the opposition on the condition of audit of five per cent census blocks, but regretted that the promise had never been fulfilled. He said general elections to be held would not be covered by the 24th Amendment and a fresh census would have to be conducted. He also asked the ECP to explain if the 74,000 unsigned forms-45 were a legal document.

Hafiz Hamdullah of the Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl, who had recently been declared as an alien by Nadra, in his speech termed the 2018 general elections the biggest electoral fraud, claiming that the ECP had no role to play in the exercise. He alleged that the results had been changed in the darkness of night.

He said a political party had been formed in Balochistan before the elections and added that everybody knew who formed, sponsored and made the party win elections and got its man elected chief minister of the province.

He claimed that according to Nadra, 52,000 unverified votes had been detected in a constituency in Balochistan, with many of them bearing foot thumbprints.

He also criticised the politicians who, he said, sold their conscience and took decisions under pressure. He referred to the no-trust motion against the Senate chairman where as many as 14 senators from the opposition cheated their leadership.

He said the political parties should also have democracy within and stressed that there should be no room for turncoats in parliament.

Pre-arrest bail should be granted with caution: SC

By Nasir Iqbal

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court has held that pre-arrest bail, being a judicial power and rooted in equity, is an extraordinary remedy and, therefore, should be exercised cautiously only to protect innocent people from the horrors of abuse of process of law.

Authored by Justice Qazi Mohammad Amin Ahmed, a three-page judgement on a set of appeals against a Nov 5 Sindh High Court verdict has explained that any prosecution initiated by considerations for the purpose stained with the taints of mala fide was the abuse of process of law.

The appeals were moved by Sindh irrigation department officials Tariq Hussain, Sher Mohammad, Ayaz Ahmed Soomro, Ali Gul Phull and Ghulam Nabi and contractors Ghulam Sarwar, Tariq Hussain and Mir Mohammad Sodoro to seek bail in anticipation of their arrest in a corruption reference initiated by the National Accountability Bureau on the SHC directive in connection with alleged misappropriation of funds in execution of the annual development plan for irrigation in Khairpur for 2013-15.

It turned out that except for some partial work, no work was executed at all which caused a loss of Rs89 million.

The Supreme Court, while dismissing the appeals, observed that the judicial protection of the pre-arrest bail should not be extended in every run-of-the-mill criminal case, with pleas structured on bald denials and parallel stories. It was on a complaint alleging violation of rules as well as embezzlement in the project that the SHC directed a probe on the basis of physical verification by the experts who found non-execution of different plans of the project as well as partial completion of the work, much less than the required standards, it added.

Against this backdrop, the judgement said, mala fide cannot be conceivably attributed to the initiation of proceedings against the petitioners and, therefore, they cannot claim judicial protection in a prosecution that otherwise sans relief of bail.

The verdict recalled that while refusing bail to the petitioners, the SHC had directed the accountability court to conclude the trial within three months, requiring the accused to cooperate in the conclusion, an option to conveniently vindicate their position sooner rather than later.

The project was executed in 2014 and there was no occasion down the road in August 2018 when the canal ran in full swing to physically detect any flaw/deficiency in the executed work.

After an in-depth hearing, the Supreme Court dismissed the appeals with an observation that the view taken by the SHC was well within the remit of law and, therefore, does not call for interference by the Supreme Court. Thus the apex court refused to grant leave to appeal.

Whale dies after getting entangled in fishing net near Jiwani

By Faiza Ilyas

KARACHI: The carcass of a 38-foot-long Bryde's whale has been found at a remote rocky beach called Chill, west of Gunz, which is a part of Balochistan's coastal town of Jiwani, the World Wide Fund for Nature-Pakistan (WWF-P) said on Friday.

Currently all cetaceans — aquatic mammals including whales and dolphins — are endangered in Pakistan and protected under the fisheries' laws of Sindh and Balochistan.

"Initially, the whale got entangled in a gill net laid by fishermen four days ago in the offshore waters near Gunz to catch Indian mackerel. The whale was huge and quite aggressive," said Sudhair Baloch, Jiwani-based WWF-P coordinator, adding that fishermen tried to rescue it but failed.

Later, upon getting information about the incident the organisation's team carried out a search operation along Gwadar and areas near the Iran border and spotted the whale's carcass at the isolated beach called Chill in the west of Gunz.

The WWF-P team collected photographic evidence, biometric information as well as samples of the whale's tissue for analysis.

Muhammad Moazzam Khan, technical adviser on marine resources at WWF-P, regretted the accidental mortality of the Bryde's whale and described it as a big loss for the conservation community across the world.

"The fishermen who spotted it first were not trained in rescue operations while our team reached the spot late in the evening when it wasn't possible to search for the whale in the dark," Mr Khan explained.

The team was trying to preserve its skeleton, he said.

Mr Khan underlined the need for urgent measures for its conservation given the fact that the species had a very small population in Pakistan's waters where it's one of just three baleen whales, also called toothless whales. The other two are the Arabian humpback whale and the blue whale.

"It is categorised as the species of 'least concern' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. A total of 19 toothed whales and three toothless whales have been reported from Pakistan's waters."

Asked about the threats the species face, Mr Khan said these included entanglement in fishing nets, boat strike and pollution.

"In our case, however, their entanglement in fishing nets is the greatest risk factor to their population. Cyclones and climate change could also be having a negative effect on their habitat," he said.



THE remains of a Bryde's whale were found on Friday at an isolated rocky beach in Gunz, part of Balochistan's coastal town of Jiwani.

Jordanian princess vows to address malnutrition in Pakistan

Sarah lauds government commitment to address malnutrition issue

By Amin Ahmed

ISLAMABAD: Princess Sarah Zeid of Jordan, who is the World Food Programme's Special Advisor on Child Health and Nutrition, concluded her visit to Pakistan on Friday with full assurance to the government to cooperate on the issue of malnutrition.

Resources will be provided to Pakistan from different organisations in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank, she said during her meeting with Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Health Services Dr Zafar Mirza.

Dr Mirza informed Princess Sarah that the government had prepared a programme at a cost of Rs538 billion to address the issue of malnutrition and stunted growth.

The Jordanian princess lauded the government's commitment to address malnutrition across Pakistan, and reiterated that malnutrition has long lasting consequences for families and countries. "I highly appreciate the multisectoral programmatic steps being taken by the government under 'Ehsaas' to achieve nutrition driven outcomes," she told Dr Sania Nishtar, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Nets. The princess discussed current projects aimed at fighting malnutrition in Pakistan.

Dr Sania Nishtar informed Princess Sarah that five actions had been undertaken since the launch of 'Ehsaas' programme, under which the Pakistan National Nutrition Coordination Council was established as the country's highest coordinating body on nutrition to drive forward multi-sectoral action.

In collaboration with the World Food Programme of the United Nations, a new mother and child health and nutrition initiative has been taken to address stunting in children using specialised nutrition food while conditional cash transfers were in the final stages of getting deployed.

'Ehsaas' is planning to introduce a ration card scheme in collaboration with the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and WFP for poverty-stricken newly merged districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Dr Nishtar said.

Princess Sarah campaigns globally to bring attention to the critical of good nutrition in the first 1,000 days — from pregnancy to two years — as a strategy to reduce malnutrition.

The 1000-day window is critical nutritional outcomes for the health of children and mothers, Dr Sania Nishtar said.

"Our country is grappling with the double burden of malnutrition, under-nutrition in young children and over-nutrition later in life lead to higher risk of costly diseases, like hypertension and diabetes. Both sides of the same coin of malnutrition are on painful display. We are committed to addressing these," she reiterated.

During her four-day visit, Princess Sarah saw first-hand how WFP is supporting the government in addressing barriers to good health and nutrition for the country's children. She visited the community health and nutrition centre in Pishin where she learned about WFP work in stunting prevention in collaboration with the Aga Khan University.

The research and evidence generated from the collaboration will support and accelerate efforts in reducing malnutrition, particularly stunting and wasting.

During her meetings with top government officials, including Prime Minister Imran Khan, the princess advocated for the partners to focus more on the first 1,000 days — from pregnancy to two years — as a strategy to reduce malnutrition.

According to a recently released national nutrition survey, two-thirds of households across the country cannot afford a nutritious diet while only three per cent of children receive the right quality and quantity of foods.

Nawaz turned back from hospital after panic spreads over London Bridge attack

By Atika Rehman

LONDON: Former prime minister and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supreme leader Nawaz Sharif had to turn back from the London Bridge Hospital where he was scheduled for a medical test after police sealed the area following reports of a shooting and a knife attack on Friday afternoon.

Sharif was on his way to the hospital for a scan when an alert was issued by the Metropolitan Police about the incident at London Bridge where two gunshots had been heard. The hospital, where he has been visiting for routine check-ups, is less than half a mile from the scene of the incident.

The former PM turned back from the scene and returned to his family apartment in Avenfield, Park Lane.

The Met Police said they were called to a stabbing at a premises near the bridge just before 1400 GMT, adding that they had detained a man. Initial reports said five people were injured and one has been shot dead by police. The London Ambulance Service declared it a "major incident".

The incident sparked panic among pedestrians at the scene, where men and women were seen fleeing the bridge area. The London Transport Authority closed down the London Bridge tube station and bus stop.

Students across country rally for right to unionise

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task," she said.

Asala explained that living on campus had its own issues.

"We have no space. There are almost 18 girls to a room. We have to live with constant harassment and threats if we complain or raise our voice. How is this good learning/educational atmosphere for anyone?" she asked before joining her batch mates in shouting slogans.

The march, which was staged at more than 50 places across the country, was organised by the SAC and Progressive Students Federation with support from the Women's Democratic Front and other organisations.

Their demands included allocation of 5pc of GDP for education, compulsory education of all national languages at primary level, establishment of more universities, expansion of libraries, lifting of the ban on student unions, implementation of harassment laws and students' representation on harassment committees, abolition of class-based education system, withdrawal of the recent fee hike, removal of security forces from educational institutions, and to privatisation of universities and provision of proper facilities to students.

In Karachi, hordes of students, graduates, parents, teachers and union leaders got together to recite poetry and shout revolutionary slogans during the march. Once at Karachi Press Club, the organisers took to the stage to talk about how education had been turned into a profit-seeking business.

Students from the Institute of Business Administration, Habib University, Karachi University and Urdu University participated. A girl from the Urdu University said she was marching for the rights of her fellow students at Balochistan University who were allegedly facing harassment at the hands of the administration.

A transgender medical student, Sara, said she was marching for a safe campus.

Jamila, a former student union leader from Peshawar, said: "Our society has been depoliticised for decades...when I was a student leader. I remember I was the president of my college's union in Mardan when they took away the badges from us in Zia's regime. I have witnessed society going backward rather than forward. Look at how they killed Mashal Khan.

"We saw militants attack universities. All this happened because students were depoliticised and the whole society was depoliticised. As a result, our society has witnessed a decline. So, political struggle is very necessary."

Also spotted among the marchers was activist Jibran Nasir who told *Dawn* that he had come out to support the country's future. "Students are our future. We must realise that our future will never be bright if we keep on lighting monuments of the past."

Bhagat, Mashal remembered

In Lahore, protesters in large numbers gathered early afternoon at Nasser Bagh and began their march towards the Punjab Assembly.

Professor and activist Ammar Ali Jan tweeted a photo from the protest and said: "Bhagat Singh's city is red again."

Mashal Khan's father also spoke at the march. His presence gave the protest more energy as one of the demands made by the students was declaring April 13, a day to remember slain Mashal.

Guns, cameras in Islamabad

Sana R. was marching in Islamabad because her alma mater, a liberal university in Karachi, taught her how to deconstruct and recognise authoritarian forms of control and ended up imitating exactly what it criticised.

Talking to *Dawn*, she said she witnessed an increase in number of cameras and weapons on campus. "They'd always say it is for our safety but when things would get stolen the cameras were never of any use. The cameras were focused on monitoring students, as were the guards. Instead of hiring counselors to help students, they hired campus security officers who would treat us like we were criminals," she complained.

"It became suffocated to be there with guns and barbed wire around us... started to feel like a prison where you were always guilty of some crime, because someone was always watching you. I am marching because there has to be a powerful voice for students, one that the administration has to listen and respect," she added.

Tweeting from Islamabad, activist and Bolo Bhi director Usama Khilji shared a photo of the protest and said: "#StudentSolidarityMarch in #Islamabad proceeding from press club towards D Chowk right now — energised environment with around 1,000 students united to demand #RestoreStudentUnion.

Harassment in Quetta campuses

In Quetta, Aurangzeb Khan of Balochistan University said they were joined by 200-300 students. "People came out to protest particularly because of the harassment and surveillance taking place on campus," he said while talking to *Dawn*.

He said they were joined by union leaders, members of Women's Democratic Front and the civil society.

"We gathered at Metropolitan Park for the march. Also in the park were student wings of political parties. We invited them to join us but they refused. As we left the park, these students picked up sticks and started hitting us. Videos of this have also gone viral. I don't know why they behaved in this way," he added.

Another student, Sadia Baloch, said she was glad students took to the streets to make their demands heard.

In Peshawar, Imad Khalil posted a photo and tweeted: "#StudentSolidarityMarch kicks off from Press Club towards KP Assembly. Stop the subjugation, revive student unions."

ANP, PPP support march

Awami National Party's Aimal Wali Khan also tweeted about the march. "ANP supports #StudentSolidarityMarch. Students must have the right to assemble and speak for their rights. I urge all members of Pakhtun Students Federation to actively take part in the march."

Supporting the march, Pakistan Peoples Party chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said former premier Benazir Bhutto had restored student unions but it was undone to depoliticise society.

He tweeted: "The PPP has always supported student unions. The restoration of student unions by SMBB was purposely undone to depoliticize society. Today students are marching in the #StudentSolidarityMarch for the restoration of unions, implementation of right to education, end to privatisation of public universities, implementation of sexual harassment legislation, right to student housing and demilitarisation of campuses. The spirit of activism and yearning for peaceful democratic society from a new generation of students is truly inspiring."

Adiala jail houses 4,000 prisoners against capacity of 1,500, IHC told

By Malik Asad

ISLAMABAD: The Adiala jail deputy superintendent informed the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Friday that at present the jail housed more than 4,000 prisoners against the capacity of 1,500.

The court was hearing a case related to an ailing inmate Khadim Hussain who filed an application before the IHC seeking medical treatment.

Jail Deputy Superintendent Zaman Khan appeared before the court and in response to a query informed of the court that the prison was built for 1,500 inmates while today there were more than 4,000 prisoners were being incarcerated and that too in a miserable condition.

"This statement raises serious concerns regarding violation of human rights of prisoners which are constitutionally guaranteed," observed the court.

The jail medical officer Dr Khalil Ahmed said before the court that the petitioner Khadim Hussain had been medically examined and his further examination was in progress.

The court noticed that despite the issuance of prior notices, no one turned up from the health and human rights ministries. Subsequently, the court ordered the secretaries of both the ministries to "nominate respective officers, not lower in rank than joint secretaries to appear before this court today (Saturday)".

Justice Minallah also sought the progress report on the commission constituted on Nov 22 aimed at ensuring civil liberties of prisoners.

The commission was headed by Federal Minister for Human Rights Dr Shireen Mazari with federal secretaries of interior and health, human right activists Zohra Yousuf and Ghazi Salahuddin, advocate Zia Awan, former FIA chief Tariq Khosa and the provincial chief secretaries as its members.

The court observed that the executive authorities were vested with power and jurisdiction under the Pakistan prison rules and the code of criminal procedure to address the grievances of prisoners suffering from serious illnesses.

The court pointed out that the United Nations committee on economic, social and cultural rights had declared health a fundamental right. And the international convention on civil and political rights provides that every human being has the inherent right to life and this right shall be protected by the law.

The sentence to jail deprives the prisoner of liberty and freedom while limiting some other rights, but the right to life has never been restricted or curtailed, rather heavy burden lies on the state to safeguard the right to life of a prisoner as the latter is entirely at its mercy.

Thus the federal government on behalf of the state has a constitutional duty and obligation to respect and enforce international treaties and conventions relating to safeguarding human rights and civil liberties.



CHINESE artists perform during the Mega Musical Night at the Sir Syed Memorial in Islamabad on Thursday night.—Online

MQM senator to raise motorway fine issue in Senate

By Jamal Shahid

ISLAMABAD: MQM Senator Mian Mohammad Ateeq Sheikh said on Friday that he would raise in Senate the issue of increase in motorways fine.

The MQM Senator raised the issue during a meeting of the Senate subcommittee on communications.

His displeasure was shared by all lawmakers during the meeting, who also objected to more than doubling the penalties for violation of traffic law on motorways.

"The fine for speeding has been increased from Rs700 to Rs2,500. Similarly, the amount of fines for other traffic offences have also been raised four times," Senator Ateeq Sheikh said.

The senator also doubted that the revenue collected from motorists at toll plazas on the motorways and highways were not being deposited into government accounts.

He alleged that the toll collected was being used by the Motorway Police without check.

"The money should be utilised to maintain highways," Ateeq Sheikh asserted.

The member demanded complete details of the revenue collected from motorists between 2013 till 2019, as well as details of the maintenance works, particularly on Islamabad to Lahore motorway.

He also demanded report on the contracts awarded to companies to ascertain transparency.

The subcommittee chairman, Fida Mohammad, voiced his concern over what he described an massive hike in the amount of fines for the violation of law on the motorway.

Responding to queries and the concerns, Communications Secretary Jawwad Rafique Malik conceded that fines had been raised on the ministry's recommendations.

Penalties for traffic violations, in the form of fines, were part of the traffic law enforcement chain.

The measure will deter road users from committing traffic violations.

The government official tried to justify Senator Ateeq Sheikh that the fines and toll collected from motorists was being deposited with the government.

The official told the members that 50pc of the revenue collected from the motorists on highways was given to the Motorway Police.

Up to 1,500pc increase made in fines for highway traffic rules violations

Driver jumping a red light will have to pay a fine of Rs5,000 on national highway and motorway

By Munawer Azeem

ISLAMABAD: The government has announced a massive increase of up to 1,500pc in traffic rules violation fines on national highways and motorway across the country.

The fine was increased after an amendment to the 12th Schedule of National Highways Safety Ordinance 2000. A notification issued by the government said the amendment was made after consultations with the motorway police.

Earlier, the fine over exceeding speed limit by less than 40 kilometres per hour was Rs750 but after the amendment this fine for motorcycles was increased to Rs1,500, cars Rs2,500, public service vehicles Rs10,000 and heavy traffic vehicles Rs5,000.

The fine carrying passenger in public service vehicles by less than 30 per cent excess of the permissible limit was increased to Rs5,000 from Rs1,500. The fine regarding failure to observe traffic signals was also increased. The fine for violation of amber flashing is increased to Rs1,000 from Rs200, red flashing to Rs2,000 from Rs200 and red light increased to Rs5,000 from Rs300.

The fine for carrying goods by less than 15pc in excess of the permissible load has been increased to Rs10,000 from Rs1,000. The fine for overtaking being prohibited increased according to a category of vehicles. Earlier, this fine was Rs300 only which has now been increased for motorcycles, cars and light transport vehicles to Rs1,500 and for HTV and PSV to Rs3,000.

Failure to yield right of way to other vehicles would be punishable with a fine of Rs1,000, which was earlier Rs300, while a driver found interfering with an emergency vehicle would be fined Rs5,000 against the earlier fine of Rs500.

Earlier, a Rs500 fine was imposed on overloading in excess of the restriction of dimension of goods and after the amendment it increased to Rs10,000. The amount of fine for driving at night without proper lights has been increased from Rs1,000 to Rs5,000.

The fine for driving on the wrong side of the road was increased from Rs500 to Rs2,500 while the fine for disobeying a stop sign increased to Rs3,000 from Rs500.

The amount of fine for improper crossing of a railway track was increased to Rs1,000 from Rs500 while it increased to Rs1,000 from Rs300 for following too closely or cutting in too sharply.

The fine over driving with the rear screen partially fully covered increased to Rs750 against the earlier Rs150 and Rs300 over fully covered screen.

The fine over using turn indicators for any purpose other than those prescribed was increased from Rs300 to Rs750.

Fines over plying where prohibited and obstructing traffic were increased to Rs2,000 from Rs500 while improper loading of goods fine was increased to Rs3,000 from Rs500.

The fine over failure to observe a slow sign was increased to Rs2,000 from Rs200 while driving a motorcycle without safety helmet, failure to stop for a school bus, failure to protect beginner drivers, open door dangerously and using horn in silence zone were increased to Rs1,000 from Rs200.

The fine over failure to yield right of way to pedestrians was increased to Rs2,000 from Rs300.

Careless driving fine was also increased and vehicles were categorised under the head. This fine was increased from Rs300 to Rs1,500 for motorcycles, cars and LTV and Rs5,000 for PSV and HTV.

The fine over driving without a driving licence increased from Rs750 to Rs5,000 for motorcycles, cars and LTV and Rs10,000 for PSV and HTV.

The fine amount over driving an unregistered vehicle was also increased from Rs500 to Rs2,000 for motorcycles, cars and LTV and Rs5,000 from PSV and HTV. The fine amount over carrying passengers in dangerous position in a transport vehicle was also increased from Rs750 to Rs5,000.

Fine over improper turn (turn from wrong lane) was also increased to Rs2,500 from Rs300 while the fine over improper lane usage was increased to Rs1,000 for motorcycles, cars and LTV and Rs5,000 for PSV and HTV from Rs200.

The fine over driving vehicles emitting smoke, visible vapours, grit, sparks ashes or oily substance was increased to Rs1,250 for cars and LTV and Rs3,000 for PSV and HTV from Rs500.

The fine over driving vehicles producing unduly harsh, shrill, loud or alarming noise was also increased to Rs750 for motorcycle and cars, Rs1,000 for LTV and Rs2,000 for PSV and HTV from Rs300.

A fine of Rs5,000 was introduced over wheeling and Rs3,000 over overloading of goods not falling within maximum limits prescribed in the 6th Schedule.

The fine over parking on a sidewalk, less than 0.5 metre from another car, less than three metres from a fire hydrant, less than 10 metres from a stop sign, parking on a bus stop, on a road pavement outside municipal limit, on a footpath, on or near the brow of a hill and on grass verge was increased to Rs750 from Rs200.

The fine over parking on a zebra crossing, less than 10 metres from an intersection, in a no-parking zone, in front of an entrance to premises and on a bridge was increased to Rs750 from Rs300.

Pakistan, Iran to facilitate bilateral trade

By Saleem Shahid

QUETTA: The two-day meeting of the Pakistan-Iran joint border trade committee, which concluded in Zahidan on Friday, took various decisions to remove hurdles in smooth running and expansion of bilateral trade.

"The joint meeting decided to suggest measures to their respective governments to remove hurdles in business and trade activities faced by business communities of both countries," a senior official of Pakistan Customs told *Dawn*.

He said the meeting gave suggestions for addressing problems in issuance of visa to the business people.

The official said members of the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry demanded opening of branches of banks on both sides of the border as businessmen of the two countries were facing problems in making payment to each other.

Sources said the meeting was informed that Pakistan Railways has planned to upgrade the Quetta-Taftan section of Pak-Iran rail track for running more freight trains to boost trade between the two countries. Both sides vowed to take steps for stopping drug smuggling and illegal trade and immigration.

Nadir Meer Shikari, a senior official of Sistan-Baluchestan province and officials of various departments represented the Iranian side.

Official sources said that the meeting discussed the issues pertaining to hurdles in trade and commerce, border affairs, security matters, illegal immigration and drug smuggling.

Shikari expressed the hope that the meeting would prove helpful in increasing bilateral trade and said the Iranian government would remove hurdles in business activities between the two countries.

Promotions, reshuffle in federal bureaucracy

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accountability court had reserved its judgement in the Flagship Investment and Al-Azizia references in December last year.

Additional secretary of PM Office Mohammad Ali Shahzada has been promoted to BPS-22 and posted as special secretary in establishment division.

Climate change secretary Hasan Nasir Jami has been posted to the aviation division as its secretary. He has been replaced by Amir Ashraf Khawaja as secretary climate change.

Afzal Latif has been appointed industries and production secretary. Habibur Rehman Gilani has been appointed railways secretary, while Ali Raza Bhutta has been made poverty alleviation secretary.

Additional secretary Allah Bakhsh Malik has been promoted to grade-22 and posted as the national health services secretary.

Additional secretary food Mohammad Ayub Chaudhry has been appointed as additional secretary petroleum.

Economic Affairs Division secretary Noor Ahmad has been asked to report to the establishment division, while Syed Pervez Abbas has been promoted to grade-22 and appointed in his place.

Additional secretary information Zahida Parveen is among the over one dozen officers from the Pakistan administrative and police services to have been promoted to the BPS-22. She has now been posted as secretary information.

Habibur Rehman Gilani, who has been posted as railways secretary, will also be chairman of the Pakistan Railway Board.

Muhammad Ilyas, a BPS-21 officer of Pakistan administrative services currently serving the Punjab government, has been promoted to BPS 22. His services will remain with the Punjab government.

Imran Nasir Khan (BPS-21), serving as managing director of Pakistan Agriculture Storage and Service Corporation, has been promoted to BPS-22. He will continue to hold his current position.

Dr Pervez Ahmad Khan, working for the Punjab government, has been promoted to BPS-22 and posted as secretary of the ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination.

Ali Raza Bhutta (BPS-21), serving in the Benazir Income Support Programme, has been promoted and posted as secretary poverty alleviation and social safety division.

Babar Hayat Tarrar, presently posted under the Punjab government, has been promoted to BPS-22. His services will remain at the disposal of the Punjab government.

Retired Captain Ahmad Latif, serving under the Punjab government, has been promoted to BPS-22 and appointed managing director of National Police Foundation.

Sardar Ajaz Ahmed Khan Jaffar (BPS-22), presently serving the Punjab government, has been asked to report to the establishment division.

Shaista Sohail (BPS-22) serving as secretary of poverty alleviation in social safety, has been directed to report to the establishment division.

Bashir Ahmad, director general FIA, has been transferred and told to report to the establishment division.

Wilad Fakhar, Waqar Abbasi, Tariq Chohan and Akhtar Hayat, all in BPS 20 serving at the FIA, have been transferred and asked to report to the establishment division.

Irfan Ali Baloch (BPS-20), currently working for the Sindh government, has been transferred and his services placed at the disposal of FIA.

Faisal Ali Raja (BPS-20), presently serving at the National Counter Terrorism Agency, has also been transferred and his services have been placed at the disposal of FIA.

Parliament's body to interview judges

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Shariat Court. The Parliamentary Committee on Appointment of Judges consists of eight members — four each (treasury and opposition lawmakers) from the Senate and National Assembly. The committee is supposed to make decision on the nomination in a fortnight.

On Nov 11, the law ministry had formally informed the JCP about the recommendation of IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah for the three vacant posts.

Meanwhile, the Islamabad High Court Bar Association (IHCBA) has written a letter to the parliamentary committee, requesting it to not consider the nomination of two out of the three judges recommended by the JCP for the IHC posts.

The IHCBA has also adopted a resolution to protest the nomination of Lubna Saleem and Ghulam Azam Qambrani. Since Fiaz Anjum Jandran is a member of the Islamabad Bar Council, the IHCBA did not express reservations over his nomination.

But regarding the nomination of other two judges from Sindh and Balochistan, the bar association warned of launching a protest movement, saying it is tantamount to depriving the local lawyers of their rights.

PM assails opposition

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of the time recalling what had happened during the three-day hearing on the COAS extension case.

PM Khan said the government would abide by the Supreme Court decision, adding that the judiciary had never raised such an issue regarding the appointment and extension of the COAS. Appreciating the work done by the government's legal team, he said: "Difference of opinion is beauty of democracy, but the legal team of the government did a remarkable job."

Later, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Information Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan said the government and the opposition would pass legislation on appointment and tenure of the army chief with consensus.

"We will make smooth legislation through consensus," she said, adding: "Prime Minister Imran Khan has formed a parliamentary committee comprising senior PTI leaders, which will deal with the issue of passage of the required legislation."

Dr Awan said COAS Gen Qamar Bajwa was pride of the nation and, therefore, no one, even in the opposition, would oppose his extension in service.

PFUJ faction holds BDM

KARACHI: The Afzal Butt faction of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists opened its Biennial Delegates Meeting with fanfare and a heavy turnout on Friday.

Around 300 journalists have arrived in Karachi from across the country to elect a new body of the PFUJ group.

In his welcome address, Karachi Union of Journalists (KUJ) Ashraf Khan said his organisation "welcomes all delegates with open arms. We are aware of the trials facing journalism in the country".

"But let us not forget that democratic values within our unions must prevail come what way."

He made a special mention of S. M. Irfan, who died recently after having remained unpaid for the last six months.

Ahmed Khan Malik, the general secretary, threw light on challenges being faced by journalists. He recited verses of Faiz Ahmed Faiz to vent his anguish.

"Our fraternity is facing multiple crises. We must not forget that united we stand and divided we fall. We urge media owners to clear their workers' dues at the earliest," he said.

Afzal Butt said journalists had always stood up to authoritarianism and resisted attempts to curb freedom of speech. "Leadership is not a bed of roses. We assumed leadership in trying times, but tried to do justice to our cause. We know how to fight for our rights when they are curbed," he said.

Delegates will propose constitutional amendments and discuss press-related issues on Saturday, the BDM's last day.

Balochistan to have online FIR soon

QUETTA: Balochistan Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs Mir Zia Langove has promised to ensure relief for applicants at police stations through introduction of online FIR registration facility.

"The common man should feel ease while lodging complain at police station," he said and urged Balochistan police to speed up work on introducing online FIR registration facility to lessen complainants' burden.—Staff Correspondent

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15.	Rs. 25.00	30.	Rs. 25.00
		Total	Rs. 785.00

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2. Renovation of NBP Aitemaad Islamic Banking Karak Branch, R.O. (KP)

This has reference to Newspaper Daily Dawn / Jang, NBP & PPRA websites advertisements PID(K)1520, NT-10/30/2019-1 & TS404636E dated 31-10-2019, 30-10-2019 & 31-10-2019 respectively regarding above works may please be treated as cancelled with immediate effect due to some technical reasons. New advertisement date will be announced in due course of time.

This advertisement is also available on NBP and PPRA websites.

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PID(K) 1520

Government of Sindh
Directorate General of Antiquities & Archaeology
Culture, Tourism & Antiquities Department
House No C-40, Block 2, Clifton, Karachi
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No. DG/Antiquities/CT&AD/2018-19 Karachi, the 26th November, 2019

CORRIGENDUM

Reference: NIT No. DG/Antiquities & Archaeology/NIT/2019/5447 Dated 23.11.2019

Reference to the NIT on the subject noted above INF-KRY No. 5919/2019 published in the leading dailies "Dawn", "Kawish" and "Dunya" newspapers dated 23rd November, 2019.

2. In this regard, Serial No. 5 in NIT regarding repair and maintenance of heritage sites may be treated as cancelled.

3. The terms and conditions of other works will remain unchanged as per original NIT.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER
Directorate General of Antiquities & Archaeology

INF-KRY No. 5904/19 Say No to Corruption

GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES SINDH
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No. DFS (I)/Accts/T-2019-20/3326-30 Dated: 25/11/2019

CORRIGENDUM

The Tender notice invited by the Director Fisheries Sindh, Inland Hyderabad vide NIT reference No.INF-KRY-5817/19 published in daily "Dawn", dated 17-11-2019, daily "Dunya" dated 14-11-2019 and daily "Jang" dated 17-11-2019 newspapers. The interested bidders are hereby informed that the tender schedule has been changed as under:-

Tender Schedule:

Last date of issuance of Tender	16.12.2019 during office hours.
Tender submission date	17.12.2019 upto 14:00
Tender opening date (Technical Proposals)	17.12.2019 upto 14:30
Place of issuance/ submission / opening	Directorate of Fisheries Sindh, Inland, near Rani Bagh, Thandi Sarak, Hyderabad.

(DR. A. M. MASTOI)
Director Fisheries Sindh (Inland), Hyderabad

INF-KRY No. 5870/19 Say No to Corruption

KARACHI SHIPYARD & ENGINEERING WORKS LIMITED
TENDER NOTICE

Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works Limited, West Wharf, Dockyard Road, Karachi, invites Sealed Bids from Firms/Contractors registered with FBR regarding GST / SST for the execution of following works:

A) "Repair of 02 in Nos. 65 & 45 ton w/cooled dehumidifier AC plants of paint shop".

B) "Repair of 02 in Nos. 50 ton AC plants-cum dehumidifiers (ETR) of main stores".

'Single stage-two envelope' System will be adopted. Bidding documents, containing detailed Terms and Conditions are available at the office of General Manager (Yard Engineering), during working hours. Detailed Tender Documents are also available at KS&EW's website.

The bids must reach the office of the undersigned, before 1100 hours on 13 December 2019.

KSEW reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders, as per provision given in PPRA Rule-33.

General Manager (Yard Engineering)
Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works Ltd
West Wharf, Dockyard Road,
Karachi-74000

PID(K) 1916-A

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE KHIPRO DISTRICT SANGHAR

No. M.C/KPO/218/2019 Khipro, Dated: 26/11/2019

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from all the interested Contractors / Firms / Parties as per SPPRA Rules 2010 for the financial year 2019-20 in connection to execute following development Schemes within jurisdiction to Municipal Committee Khipro District Sanghar.

Sr. #	Development Scheme	Estimated Cost	Call Deposited 2%	Tender Fee	Period
1	Sanitation of Roads / Streets Clean of open Drain and Sewerage Line M.C. Khipro Ward No. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09 (01/01/2020 to 30/06/2020)	Quoted Rate	2%	3000	06 Months
2	Construction of Main Gate Municipal Office Khipro	608000	12160	1000	06 Months
3	Earth Filling at Eid Gah M.C. Khipro	885000	17700	1000	06 Months
4	Brick Pavement at Jeedo Jatt House Chhoto Colony M.C. Khipro	172000	3440	1000	06 Months
5	Brick Pavement from Mose Margin to Dewan Kothi M.C. Khipro	401000	8020	1000	06 Months
6	Construction of C.C. Block at Asghar Jatt House Chhoto Colony M.C. Khipro	285000	5700	1000	06 Months
7	Construction of C.C. Block from Mps Road to Eid Gah Road M.C. Khipro	582000	11640	1000	06 Months
8	Construction of C.C. Block from Qadeemi Masjid to Noor Mohammad Bundi House M.C. Khipro	1373000	27460	1000	06 Months
9	Construction of Pump House and Machineries of Water Supply Scheme at Khipro Canal MC Khipro	1490418	29808	1000	06 Months
10	Construction of Road Cross / Culverts at Various Places of M.C. Khipro	293000	5860	1000	06 Months
11	Supplying & fixing Paving Block at Khipro Chowk MC Khipro	4013000	80260	2000	06 Months
12	Reconditioning of Metalled Road from Mathi Pam to Qadeemi Qabrustan Khipro	1134000	22680	1000	06 Months
13	Repair of Staff Quarter (02 Nos.) M.C. Khipro	1818600	36372	2000	06 Months
14	Construction of Surface Drain at Asghar Jatt House Chhoto Colony M.C. Khipro	200000	4000	1000	06 Months
15	Providing and Laying PVC Pipeline 10" dia "B" Class from Khipro Canal to Seth Abdul Shafar Petroleum Pump M.C. Khipro	2719000	54380	2000	06 Months
16	Providing Fixing PVC Pipeline 6" Dia from Gulshan Siddique / Jani Jatt Colony Muneer Sham and Rajho Menghwar M.C. Khipro	412000	8240	1000	06 Months
17	Providing laying joint PVC Pipeline 3" dia from Makhdoom Talib-ul-Mulla Colony to Tariq Aziz K.K. House M.C. Khipro	879000	19580	1000	06 Months
18	Providing laying jointing PVC Pipeline 3" dia from Sattar House to Murad House M.C. Khipro	374600	7492	1000	06 Months
19	Repair of Surface Drain at Murad Colony M.C. Khipro	792600	15852	1000	06 Months
20	Repair of Surface Drain at Mathi Pam M.C. Khipro	852600	17052	1000	06 Months
21	Repair of Surface Drain at Sattar Colony M.C. Khipro	882700	17654	1000	06 Months
22	Replacement of Main Raising Pressure Pipeline 12" Dia for Disposal MC Khipro	296600	5932	1000	06 Months
23	Tower for 99 Names of Allah Pak at Khipro Chowk M.C. Khipro	1600000	32000	2000	06 Months
24	Tower for 99 Names of Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W.W.) at MPs Road Chowk M.C. Khipro	1600000	32000	2000	06 Months
25	Reconditioning of Metalled Road from Jam Khana Road to Nau Hingorjo via Choudry Shahbaz House M.C. Khipro	1054000	21080	2000	06 Months
26	Repair of Surface Drain at Dewan Colony M.C. Khipro	792600	15852	2000	06 Months
27	Repair of Surface Drain at Shah Jahan Mern House at Hayat Colony M.C. Khipro	154000	3080	2000	06 Months
28	Repair of Surface Drain at Jam Khana Road to Nau Hingorjo via Shahbaz House M.C. Khipro	355000	7100	2000	06 Months
29	Supplying of Furniture for Office Secretariat M.C. Khipro	Market Rate	2%	1000	06 Months
30	Electric Work Office Secretariat M.C. Khipro	Market Rate	2%	1000	06 Months
31	Construction of Metalled Road in remaining work from Hathungo Road to Yasir Qaim Khani M.C. Khipro	1876837	37537	2000	06 Months
32	Construction of Block Top Road from Tariq Aziz House to Makhdoom Talib-ul-Mulla Colony M.C. Khipro	1652000	33040	2000	06 Months
33	Supply fumigation spray machine capacity 12 ltr (01 No.) M.C. Khipro	Market Rate	2%	1000	06 Months
34	Purchasing & supplying of Chingchi Rickshaw 110cc (05 Nos.) M.C. Khipro	Market Rate	2%	1000	06 Months
35	Purchasing & supplying of Computer set / Photostat / Scanner etc. (01 No.) M.C. Khipro	Market Rate	2%	1000	06 Months
36	Construction of C.C. Road Asad Shah House to Thana Road M.C. Khipro	300000	6000	1000	06 Months
37	Supply of tire tractor AO580 Type 18.4-30 (02 Nos.) Type 13.00-24 (Nos. 02) M.C. Khipro	Market Rate	2%	1000	06 Months
38	Supply of tire for tractor IMT-549 type 12.4/11/28 (Nos. 02) Type 6.00-16el (Nos. 02) M.C. Khipro	Market Rate	2%	1000	06 Months
39	Supply of tire for Refuse van type 6.50-16 (Nos. 06) M.C. Khipro	Market Rate	2%	1000	06 Months
40	Supply of tire for Fire Brigade type 6.50-16 (Nos. 06)	Market Rate	2%	1000	06 Months
41	Supply of tire for tractor MF-240 type 12.4/11-28 (Nos. 02) type 6.00-16 (Nos. 02) M.C. Khipro	Market rate	2%	1000	06 Months
42	Construction of surface drain Irshad Arain House Nasir Arain House M.C. Khipro	400000	8000	1000	06 Months
43	Supplying and fixing joints PVC Pipeline 10" dia and 3" dia from MPs Road to Shaheed Zia-ur-Rehman via Farooq Nagar M.C. Khipro	863613	16000	1000	06 Months
44	Construction of Metalled Road from Hamza Masjid to Chachar House	1592933	32000	1000	06 Months
45	Construction of surface drain 7-G Road Mohammad Hajam Street	319000	6380	1000	06 Months
46	Construction of C.C. Block Fasal KK House to Noorani Masjid	493600	9872	1000	06 Months
47	Construction of C.C. Block Nabi Bux Kumbhar Street	329000	6580	1000	06 Months
48	Construction of C.C. Block Advocate Fasal Street	291000	5820	1000	06 Months
49	Brick Pavement at Usman Kumbhar to Sardar Murad Kumbhar House M.C. Khipro	477000	9540	1000	06 Months
50	Earth Filling at Office Park MC Khipro	885000	17700	1000	06 Months
51	Supplying and installing Solar Power LED Light at Khipro Chowk	2055000	41100	1000	06 Months
52	Brick Pavement Wall Arad Colony M.C. Khipro	286000	5720	1000	06 Months
53	Supply Gromes Road Cleaner M.C. Khipro	Market Rate	2%	1000	06 Months
54	Repair & construction of surface drain from 7-G Road to Shahi Bazar M.C. Khipro	622000	12440	1000	06 Months

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. The Public Form along with Schedule-B for Development Works will be issued to the Contractor Form very first day after publication in SPPRA Website till dated the 16.12.2019 at time 10:00 AM against mentioned tender fee (non-refundable).
2. The tender document along with Schedule-B and 2% earnest money shown against the work will be submitted by the contractors on 16.12.2019 till 12:00 pm and same will be opened on similar date at 01:00 pm by the Chief Municipal Officer Municipal Committee Khipro before the contractors / firms / interested parties or their authorized representatives.
3. Due to unavoidable circumstances, if the response not given to tenders on fixed date 16.12.2019, the same will be collected on second date i.e. 02.01.2020 at 12:00 PM and will be opened on same date i.e. 02.01.2020 at 1:00 PM.
4. No any condition or overwritten tender will be accepted.
5. In case of any inability is pointed out by the SPPRA / Government of Sindh for correction, same will be received / incorrected in shape of Corrigendum and will be displayed on notice board 03 days before receiving and opening of tender for general information out the contractor on public which may please be noted clearly.
6. **STANDARD OF ABILITY**
   a. Registration Certificate of Sindh Revenue Board (SRB).
   b. CNIC Certificate.
   c. Related experience.
   d. At least turnover of 3 years.
   e. Admissible professional tax.
   f. Engineering Council Certificate.
   g. Work No. 30 "Electric Licenses will be produced".
7. Before acceptance of tender the condition of papers cancelled procuring single SPPRA Rules 2010 amended 2013 in all tenders will be rejected at any time or day.

CHIEF MUNICIPAL OFFICER
MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE KHIPRO

INF-KRY 5853/19 Say No to Corruption

EXTENSION IN DATE

With reference to Advertisement AB No. 228/25-11-19 in the Daily Newspapers whereby bids from Eligible Testing Agencies were invited. Last date is as follow;

Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 11/12/2019 till 1200 Hours (Noon) at the office of the undersigned.

Tender opening: All technical bids will be opened on same day i.e. 11/12/2019 at the office of the under signed at 12:30 PM.

Address: House No. 2-A Chaman Housing Scheme Quetta Phone no. 081-2823834

Chief Executive Officer,
Balochistan Board of Investment & Trade

AB No.233/29-11-19

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INVITATION TO BID

Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (**HESCO**), a Power Distribution Company its core function is to supply, distribute and sell power (Electricity) in area of **13-districts** of Sindh Province invites sealed bids from eligible (manufacturers / suppliers) registered with income tax and sales tax department and complying qualification & experience criteria as laid down in the bidding documents as per **WAPDA / NTDC** Specifications / Drawings without any element of foreign exchange, financed under HESCO's local funds on FCS basis at **Regional Store HESCO Hyderabad.**

Tender No.	Sr. No. / Lot		Item Description	Unit	Total Qty.
T-274	Sr. No.	1	Disc Insulator 80 KN Fog Type	Nos.	69330
		2	Disc Insulator 100KN Fog Type	Nos.	6520
T-275	Lot	I	132KV Line Isolator SSS, Connectors & all allied accessories	Set	15
			132KV Bus Isolator SSS, Connectors & all allied accessories	Set	28
		II	11KV Post Insulator	Nos.	33
			132KV Post Insulator	Nos.	18
T-276	Sr. No.	1	Fresh Transformer Oil "A" Grade Class-I	Liter	9225
T-277	Lot	I	Tower type ZM-1	Nos.	762
			3m leg extension for ZM-1	Nos.	68
			6m leg extension for ZM-1	Nos.	11
		II	Tower type ZM-30	Nos.	83
			3m leg extension for ZM-30	Nos.	21
		III	Tower type ZM-60	Nos.	55
			3m leg extension for ZM-60	Nos.	13
T-278	Lot	I	Tower Type EA	Nos.	6
			6m leg extension for EA	Nos.	24
		II	Tower Type EG	Nos.	14
			2m leg extension for EG	Nos.	4
			4m leg extension for EG	Nos.	8
			6m leg extension for EG	Nos.	36
			8m leg extension for EG	Nos.	8
		III	Tower Type Landcross L-60	Nos.	5
T-279	Sr. No.	1	Single Suspension Assembly for Cairo Conductor	Set	1611
		2	Single Tension Assembly for Cairo Conductor	Set	574
		3	Double Suspension Assembly for Cairo Conductor	Set	50
		4	Double Tension Assembly for Cairo Conductor	Set	37
		5	Stock Bridge Damper for Cairo Conductor	Nos.	3195
		6	Mid Span Joint for Cairo Conductor	Nos.	109
		7	Repair Sleeves for Cairo Conductor	Nos.	39
		8	PG Clamps for Cairo Conductor	Nos.	1227
T-280	Sr. No.	1	Single Suspension Assembly for Rail Conductor	Set	257
		2	Single Tension Assembly for Rail Conductor	Set	343
		3	Double Suspension Assembly for Rail Conductor	Set	6
		4	Double Tension Assembly for Rail Conductor	Set	6
		5	Stock Bridge Damper for Rail Conductor	Nos.	799
		6	Mid Span Joint for Rail Conductor	Nos.	93
		7	Repair Sleeves for Rail Conductor	Nos.	81
		8	PG Clamps for Rail Conductor	Nos.	883
T-281	Sr. No.	1	Single Suspension Assembly for Greeley Conductor	Set	426
		2	Single Tension Assembly for Greeley Conductor	Set	402
		3	Double Suspension Assembly for Greeley Conductor	Set	18
		4	Double Tension Assembly for Greeley Conductor	Set	18
		5	Stock Bridge Damper for Greeley Conductor	Nos.	1248
		6	Mid Span Joint for Greeley Conductor	Nos.	23
		7	Repair Sleeves for Greeley Conductor	Nos.	12
		8	PG Clamps for Greeley Conductor	Nos.	600
T-282	Sr. No.	1	Single Suspension Fitting for 600mm Aluminum Conductor	Nos.	60
		2	Single Tension String Assembly 600mm Aluminum Conductor	Set	96
		3	Double Suspension String Assembly for 600mm AL Conductor	Set	24
		4	Double Tension String Assembly for 600mm Aluminum Cond.	Set	72
T-283	Sr. No.	1	Repair Sleeve for Dog Conductor	Nos.	100
		2	Single Suspension Fitting for Dog Conductor	Nos.	40
		3	Mid Span Joint for Dog Conductor	Nos.	20
T-284	Lot	I	Al. Pipe 40mm dia 4-M Long	Nos.	9
			Al. Pipe 63mm dia 4-M Long	Nos.	16
			Al. Pipe 75mm dia 4-M Long	Nos.	15
		II	Cross Arms 240	Nos.	20
		III	Copper Lugs 95mm²	Nos.	300
T-285	Sr. No.	1	110V DC, 150AH Lead Acid Station Battery (55 Cells)	Set	15
T-286	Sr. No.	1	Non Ceramic Composite Insulators for 132KV T/Line	Nos.	1200
T-287	Lot	I	Termination Kit Indoor 500 MCM	Nos.	120
			Termination Kit Outdoor 500 MCM	Nos.	120
			Termination Kit Indoor 1000 MCM Single Core	Nos.	63
			Termination Kit Outdoor 1000 MCM Single Core	Nos.	63
		II	Cartridges-A	Nos.	677
			Cartridges-B	Nos.	135
			Cartridges-C	Nos.	355
			Moulds-A	Nos.	39
			Moulds-B	Nos.	6
			Moulds-C	Nos.	27

Bids Submission & Opening Schedule

Tender No.	Date & Time		Venue
	Submission of Bids	Opening of Bids	
T-274 to T-278	16-12-2019 at 10:30 a.m.	16-12-2019 at 11:00 a.m.	Office of Manager (Material Management) Room # 237, WAPDA Offices Complex, Hussainabad, Hyderabad
T-279 to T-287	17-12-2019 at 10:30 a.m.	17-12-2019 at 11:00 a.m.	

1. Tender documents can be obtained from the **office of Manager (Material Management) Room # 237, WAPDA Offices Complex, Hussainabad Hyderabad** after payment of **Rs.3000/-** per tender (non refundable) upto a day before tender opening date. No tender form will be issued on the date of opening of tenders.
2. The tenders will be opened publicly in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives who wish to attend on above mentioned date and time in the **office of Manager (Material Management) Room # 237, WAPDA Offices Complex, Hussainabad, Hyderabad.**
3. The tender shall remain open for acceptance for **150-days** from the tender opening date and must accompany **Bid Guarantee / CDR** not less than **2% (for Registered / Pre-qualified firms) and 5% (for Un-registered / Non Pre-qualified firms)** of the quoted bid price, valid for **180-days** issued by any Scheduled Bank of Pakistan on specified Proforma.
4. Sales Tax Registration is mandatory for issuance of tender documents.
5. Conditional tender or tender without Bid Guarantee will not be accepted.
6. **HESCO** reserves all its rights regarding rejection of tenders as defined in **Clause-33(1) of PPRA Rules 2004.**
7. For further information contact on any working days during office hours.
8. This advertisement is also available on **PPRA** website at **www.ppra.org.pk.**

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Three held in rape case

MANSEHRA: The local police on Friday arrested three people, including a woman, in a gang rape case on the court's orders.

However, a suspect fled from the court premises.

Additional sessions judge Asghar Ali Shah ordered the arrest of all suspects, including Mohammad Aurangzeb, Mohammad Sabir, Mehreen Bibi and Ashiq Hussain, after the rape victim complained that she was being pressured for the out-of-the-court settlement.

The police arrested the suspects except Ashiq Hussain, who escaped after the judge cancelled their pre-arrest bails. The counsel for the suspects produced a copy of the deal struck by his clients with the rape victim.

However, the court rejected it observing that the girl had alleged that the suspects had threatened her with dire consequences, so she agreed to settling the issue out of court.

Bilal Khan, the counsel for suspects, said he would challenge bail cancellation in the high court.

Also, Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl central leader Maulana Gul Naseeb Khan visited the King Abdullah Teaching Hospital here and inquired after party leader Mufti Kifayatullah, who was injured in an attack early on Wednesday.

Mr Gul told reporters that if the culprits weren't held, it meant that the government was behind the attack.—Correspondent

PHC asks govt to restrict activities of Afghans

Disposes of petition seeking orders to regulate life, work of refugees

By Waseem Ahmad Shah

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court has directed the federal and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments to restrict the activities of Afghan refugees in the country in line with the law of the land.

A bench consisting of Justice Lal Jan Khattak and Justice Mohammad Naeem Anwar disposed of a petition filed by senior lawyer Mohammad Moazam Butt, who sought its orders for the federal and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments to regulate the life and work of Afghan refugees in the country and deport illegal refugees.

In a two-page verdict, the bench ruled: "No one would disagree what the petitioner has averred in his petition that activities of the refugees must be under the law on the subject and on no count they could be allowed to do what they want as the refugees have to lead a regulated and controlled life."

It added that refugees couldn't be allowed to conduct businesses in the country without authorisation by the relevant quarters.

The bench, however, ruled that the issue couldn't be decided by the court while exercising its constitutional jurisdiction, so it deemed it fit to send the petitioner's case to the respondents for taking appropriate and legal action under the law against the refugees and to regulate their lives to the possible extent so that the citizens of Pakistan could lead their lives peacefully.

It issued directives to five of the respondents, including interior, defence, State and Frontier Regions secretaries, and KP government through chief and home secretaries.

The petitioner contended that the unchecked movement and roaming of the Afghan refugees had created myriad problems for citizens of the country, so their activities must be regulated.

The bench observed that though the petitioner had argued the case at the end of his arguments, he said he would be satisfied if directions were given to the respondents to enforce the law and rules on the issue raised in the petition.

Mr Moazam Butt said after the Soviet-Afghan war began in 1979, millions of Afghans reached Pakistan as refugees.

He said since long Afghan citizens had retained their freedom and were required to return but they chose not to do so and thus, causing multidimensional law and order situation in Pakistan.

The lawyer said the respondents were under legal obligations to regulate the life of Afghan refugees in Pakistan to protect the life, liberty and property of Pakistani citizens.

The petitioner claimed that hundreds of acts of terrorism had taken place in the country. He also pointed out several incidents of terrorism which took place in the country and resulted in loss of precious lives.

He said the citizens of Pakistan had fundamental rights to life, liberty, security and property but the government was not acting in the required manner to address the cause.

The petitioner said in almost every country, foreigners could conduct businesses only after the issuance of work permits.

"This Court may be required to determine that under what authority the afghan refugees are conducting business, running shops or are directly or indirectly related to any type of business concerns in the Pakistan without any legal permits, causing adverse effect to the economy of Pakistan and compelling the citizens of this country to live in poverty," he said.

He said the federal government and other respondents should determine under what authority of law, Afghan refugees lived in Pakistan even after the establishment of elected governments and restoration of the social order in own country.

'Kamyab Jawan Programme gets overwhelming response'

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Mahmood Khan was informed on Friday that the youth from across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa responded overwhelmingly to the Prime Minister's Kamyab Jawan Programme and thus far over 90,000 applications had been received from all the districts.

A statement issued here said that Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Youth Affairs Usman Dar briefed the chief minister about the initiative. Mr Dar stated that over 90,000 applications had been received from the province in five weeks.

It quoted Mr Khan as saying that Kamyab Jawan Programme was expected to provide employment opportunities to the youth by enabling them to initiate businesses, which would not only generate revenue, but also promote entrepreneurship generating further job opportunities.

Mr Dar said that one million applications had been received from all over the country during the past five weeks.

He said that the use of digital portal had accelerated the process of submitting the application whereas most of the applications in KP had been received from Peshawar followed by Swat, Mardan, Chitral, Mansehra, Shangla and Abbottabad.

The chief minister said that the timeline for submission of applications in the merged districts should be extended keeping in view certain factors, including unavailability of internet and banking facilities.

He said that alternate user-friendly mechanism should also be developed for the tribal districts keeping in view dynamics of the region.

He said that directives had already been issued to the quarters concerned to speed up the process of providing loans.

He said that the present government was developing a culture of self-reliance among the youth so that they became job provider instead of job seekers. He said that welfare of the youth was the top priority of the government.

He said that through this programme they had also come to know about the nature of business demand in the country that would be helpful to the overall effort of the government to promote employment.

The meeting was also attended by senior minister Mohammad Atif Khan, finance minister Taimur Saleem Jhagra, advisor to the CM on merged districts Ajmal Wazir and other officials.—Bureau Report

IN THE COURT OF JUDGE ANTI-TERRORISM COURT-VI KARACHI

Special Case No. 49/2018
The State
Versus
Imran s/o Abu Qasim .... Accused
FIR No. 81/2018
U/S 353/324/379/511/34 PPC
R/w 7 ATA 1997
P.S.Mominabad, Karachi

Special Case No. 50/2018
The State
Versus
Imran s/o Abu Qasim .... Accused
FIR No. 82/2018
U/S 23(i)A, S.A.A.
P.S.Mominabad, Karachi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING APPEARANCE OF PROSECUTION WITNESS U/S 87 Cr.PC)

WHEREAS, a complaint has been made before me that the **Prosecution Witnesses** namely **Muhammad Ghayas s/o Abdullah**, r/o House Mujahid Colony c/o Rahat Bakery Sector F-4 Orangi Town, Karachi and **Muhammad Aslam s/o Muhammad Saadiq**, r/o House Mujahid Colony c/o Rahat Bakery Sector F-4 Orangi Town, Karachi, have required for evidences in the above cases and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said prosecution witnesses cannot be found;

AND WHEREAS, it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said prosecution witnesses have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant;

THEREFORE, PROCLAMATION is hereby made that the above said prosecution witnesses namely: (1) **Muhammad Ghayas s/o Abdullah** and **Muhammad Aslam s/o Muhammad Saadiq**, are required to appear for evidence before the Court on **10.12.2019 at 8:30 am** at ATC-VI Courts Complex Central Prison Karachi.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this the 25th day of November, 2019.

JUDGE
Anti-Terrorism Court No. VI
Karachi

INF-KRY No. 5845/19 — Say No to Corruption

HEALTH WELFARE COMMITTEE PIR SYED ABDUL QADIR SHAH JEELANI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES GAMBAT

RE-TENDER

SUBJECT: **RE-TENDER NOTICE / QUOTATION FOR PURCHASE OF MEDICINES / SURGICALS / DISPOSABLE ITEMS / EYE LENS / ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY ITEMS FROM ZAKAT FUND FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020.**

The Health Welfare Committee Pir Syed Abdul Qadir Shah Jeelani Institute of Medical Sciences Gambat invites sealed bids from local market, near Hospital for 24 hours on emergency basis for supply of Medicines from Zakat fund for the year (2019-2020).

A complete set of tender may be purchased from the office of the Health Welfare Committee Pir Syed Abdul Qadir Shah Jeelani Institute of Medical Sciences Gambat on submission of written application on cash payment non-refundable fee mentioned in tender. The bids must be delivered on opening date upto **12-12-2019 12:00 Noon**.

Which will be opened on **12-12-2019 at 01:00 PM.**

The Purchase Committee reserves the right to accept / reject any / all bids without assigning any reason.

S. No.	Description of Store	Date of Opening	Cost of Tender
1.	Medicines / Surgical / Disposable Items / Eye lens	12-12-2019	Rs. 1000/-

N.B:-
1) The tender will be sold from **28.11.2019 to 12.12.2019** at office of the undersigned.
2) In case, Govt announces Public Holiday then tender will be opened on next working day.
3) All quotations shall include Govt. Taxes if applicable.

Director / Convener
Health Welfare Committee
Pir Syed Abdul Qadir Shah Jeelani
Institute of Medical Sciences Gambat
Ph # 0243-640100

Say No to Corruption — INF-KRY No. 5853/19

ICMA Pakistan — Expression of Interest (EOI)

Procurement of Education Management Systems(EMS) & Revamping of Institute's Official Website

The Institute seeks **"Expression of Interest" for Procurement of Management Systems & Revamping of Institute's Official Website.** The sealed quotations along with the filled Terms of References (TORs) are invited from reputed Organizations/ Firms as per the following details:

Tender No.:	ICMAP/ADMIN/HO/11/2019/5600
Task/ Assignment:	Procurement of appended below Tasks to be deployed at Head Office and Institute's nationwide Campuses.
Task # 1:	**Education Management Systems (EMS):** a) Campus Management System b) Learning Management System c) Examination Management System. **Note:** Interested Organizations/ Firms are required to submit **separate financial bids** of the above mentioned parts.
Task # 2:	**Revamping of Institute's Official Website**
TOR Issuance:	Prescribed TOR documents containing description of required systems and place of submission and opening of the bids are available for the interested parties which may be requested through email by the interested bidders while providing their official credentials (elucidating their official relation with the organization/ firm) on **procurement@icmap.com.pk**
TOR Submission:	TOR documents with all requisite information shall be submitted task wise on the prescribed format in the sealed envelopes separately marked as **"Technical Bid" & "Financial Bid"** as per Clause 36 (a) of Public Procurement Rules (PPR, 2004).
Submission Deadline:	**December 18, 2019 by 1100 hours** (TOR documents submitted after mentioned date and time will not be considered for bidding/ participation process)
Bids Opening:	The **"Technical & Financial Bids"** will be opened at **1130 hours** on **December 18, 2019** at ICMA Pakistan's Head Office, Karachi in front of present bidders or their authorized representatives and for bidder(s) participating from Lahore, Islamabad, Multan or Faisalabad will be connected through video link.
Rejection of Bids:	As per Clause 33 (1) of PPR, 2004

Contact Details: Information, Issuance and Submission of TORs

Deputy Director Administration
Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan
ICMAP Head Office Building, ST-18/C, ICMAP Avenue, Block-6, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi-75300, Tel: +92 21 99243900 (Ext.: 112/202);
Email: procurement@icmap.com.pk

URL: www.icmap.com.pk

Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Jamshoro



Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Jamshoro, is organizing its Academic Celebrations **and 23rd Convocation-2019** to honour and recognize the achievements of distinguished recent graduates on **Wednesday 18th December, 2019 at 9:00 am** at University Auditorium.

The Honourable Governor of Sindh/Chancellor of the University has very kindly consented to preside over the degree conferment ceremony.

All the Graduates of **B.E./B.CRP. (16-Batch), B.Arch. (15-Batch), MUET, Jamshoro/SZAB Campus, Khairpur & Mirs;** Postgraduates and Ph.Ds of MUET, CEAD, USPCAS-W & Affiliated Institutes/Colleges, who wish to get their Degrees/Gold/Silver medals and merit certificates, may apply online. Application form shall be filled online at exam.muet.edu.pk and print for submission. The last date for Submission of Application Forms is **Thursday 5th December, 2019** till **05:00 pm**.

The meritorious Graduates (**Top of Faculty/Best Graduates/Position Holders**) of above Batches who have already received their degrees are entitled for the award of **Gold/Silver Medals/Merit Certificates**. They can also apply on the same application form along with prescribed fees.

The candidates are required to wear prescribed **Academic Robes/Gowns, which may be obtained on same day from the tailor available at Examination Counter near convocation hall on payment Rs. 2,500/- refundable on safe return on same day on payment of the rent.**

Note: **Only one guest is allowed (Father/Mother/Brother/Sister/Spouse)**

(Prof. Dr. Abdul Waheed Umrani)
REGISTRAR
Contact Nos.: Registrar: (0222)-771371 Fax: (0222)-772196, Controller of Examinations: (0222)-771631 Fax: (0222)-771563

For further information & queries, please contact:
Mr. Muhammad Younis Jogo, Deputy Controller of Examinations, MUET, Jamshoro
Contact No.: 022-2772250-70 Ext. No: (7605) Cell No.: 0333-2785369

Say NO to Drugs!

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

The Executive Engineer PHE Division Sibi invites sealed percentage rates tenders based on composite schedule of rates 2018 Government of Balochistan from interested contractors/firms registered with Income Tax, Sales tax and Balochistan Revenue Authority for the works mentioned below:-

Earnest Money 2% quoted rate and Time Limit 1 Months for each work

S.#	Description	E/Cost	Qty	T/Fee
	Construction of WSS for New Population village Talli # Sibi (PSDP No. 1732)			
1.	Providing uPVC Pipe T51679538 uPVC Pipe 4" dia 4500 Rft uPVC Pipe 3" dia 2660 Rft	8.059 M	1 Job	1500/-
2.	S/o Pumping Machinery (Submersible Pump) T51679539	-	1 No	650/-
	Construction of WSS Char Mori, D/O of Tube Well for Village Mori (PSDP No. 1735)			
1.	Supply of uPVC Pipe 6" dia for WSS Mali T51679540	1.600 M	4360 Rft	650/-
2.	S/o Pumping Machinery (Submersible Pump) T51679550	-	1 No	650/-
3.	Supply of G.I Pipe 1.5" (40mm) inner dia for WSS Char Mori T51679570	1.2776 M	2500 Rft	650/-
	Improvement of WSS Lehri Town (PSDP No. 1736)			
1.	S/o HDPE Pipe 160mm T51679580	12.888 M	18000 Rft	1500/-
2.	S/o Solar System T51679610	5.204 M	1 Set	1500/-
3.	S/o Pumping Machinery (Centrifugal Pump) 51679620	-	1 Set	650/-
	Rehabilitation of WSS and New Pipelines Hindu Muhallah Sibi (PSDP NO 1971)			
1.	Providing uPVC Pipe T51679630 uPVC pipe 6" dia 8828 Rft uPVC pipe 4" dia 11370 Rft	5.961 M	1 Job	1500/-
2.	S/o Pumping Machinery (Submersible Pump) T51679640	-	1 No	650/-
3.	S/o Pumping Machinery (Centrifugal Pump) T51679650	-	1 No	650/-
	Prov: of WSS & Laying of Pipe Line for Machi Koh I & II, Talli, Killi Dur Muhammad, Railway Colony, Langov Muhallah, Noor Pur (PSDP No. 2062)			
1.	Supply of uPVC Pipe for Machi Koh I & II Talli T51679660 4" dia 2760 Rft 3" dia 3960 Rft	1.228 M	1 Job	650/-
2.	Supply of uPVC Pipe for Killi Dur Muhammad T51679670 4" dia 2760 Rft 3" dia 3900 Rft	0.9072 M	1 Job	650/-
3.	Supply of uPVC Pipe for Railway Colony Sibi T51679680 4" dia 2300 Rft 3" dia 3500 Rft	0.888 M	1 Job	650/-
4.	Supply of uPVC Pipe for Langov Muhallah T51679690 4" dia 3620 Rft 3" dia 2140 Rft	0.970 M	1 Job	650/-
5.	Supply of uPVC Pipe for Noor Pur T51679700 4" dia 2400 Rft 3" dia 4450 Rft	1.028 M	1 Job	650/-
6.	Supply of uPVC Pipe for SP Colony T51679720 4" dia 2000 Rft 3" dia 4020 Rft	0.8966 M	1 Job	650/-

Method of Procurement:- Single Single envelope.

Bidding/Tender Document Issuance: Tender forms/documents will be issued from the date of advertisement published in news papers upto 20-12-2019 at 12:30 PM on presentation of requisite documents i.e. Tender Fee (non-refundable), Bid security/earnest money, valid Engineering Council Certificate in relevant/required category, Income tax certificate (NTN) etc.

Tender Fee Challan Code No C-02725-02.

Submission: Last date for submission of documents from advertisement published in news papers upto **20-12-2019** at 12:30 PM

Opening: The tenders will be opened **20-12-2019** at 1:30 PM

Place of issuance, Submission, inquiries and opening will be:-

Address: Executive Engineer PHE Division Sibi.

Telephone No. 0833-9230191, Fax No. 0833-9230191

Email address: Phedivisionsibi@gmail.com

Note: It may be noted that no pay order will be accepted/entertained and firms complete title (name) should be written on the call deposit.

Executive Engineer,
PHE Division Sibi

PRO No.1283/29-11-19

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

The Water and Sanitation Authority Quetta invites bids from eligible Bidders for following works:

Tender Fee Rs.1000/- for each Tender & Bid Security is 2% of the each work.

S.#	Name of Work	E/Cost
1.	**Const: of complete WSS i.e. drilling of 1100 ft. tube well, Supply & installation of pumping unit as per design & specification, Const: of pump house & Bath 12x10', interlinking the scheme with existing network at:**	
	i. KillMasnar	6.71M
	ii. Jinnah Road Cantt.	6.71M
	iii. Madrissa Road Cantt.	6.71M
	iv. Fatima Jinnah Road.	6.71M
	v. Jan Mohammed Road.	6.71M
	vi. New Arif road.	6.71M
	vii. Master Colony.	6.71M
	viii. Jahaz Maidan Jadeed Road	6.71M
	ix. KilliRaz Mohammad Barech Musa Colony (PSDP 1970)	6.71M
	x. KilliBakht Mohammad (PSDP 1960)	6.71M
	xi. Killi Abdul Manan Kirip Colony (PSDP 1969)	6.71M
2.	**Rehabilitation of existing WSS i.e. drilling of tube well 1100 ft. Supply & installation of pumping unit as per design & specification, interlinking the scheme with existing network at:**	
	i. Pater Bagh Shawak Shah Road.	6.13M
	ii. Special School.	6.13M
	iii. Faqeer Mohammed Road Burma Street.	6.13M
	iv. UsmanQila.	6.13M
	v. KasiEidGah.	6.13M
	vi. MullahKheliaboNawanKilli	6.13M
3.	**Completion of unfinished works for WSS, i.e. Supply & installation of pumping unit as per design & specification, Const: of pump house & Bath 12x10', interlinking the scheme with existing network at:**	
	i. Farooq Masjid	2.2M
	ii. Waphidari Chowk	2.2M
	iii. KhailqKasiMaidan	2.2M
	iv. Tel GodamBungalow house	2.2M
	v. Police Line cantt.	2.2M
	vi. Chiltan Market Cantt.	2.2M
	vii. Lady Sandeman School.	2.2M
	viii. KoshanI-Mukhtar	2.2M
4.	Drilling of shallow depth bores complete in all respect as per specification including supply & lowering of pumping unit of required capacity at different areas.	6.6M
5.	Providing & Laying of HDPE pipe at Hassa No. 26 (PSDP No. 1784)	11.50M
6.	Providing & Laying of HDPE pipe at Eastern Bypass (PSDP 1970)	3.00M

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules 2014.

Eligibility of Bidders: (a) Registration with relevant taxation departments, (b) Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in relevant category, (c) Contractor who possess their own rig machine/compressor, having experience in same nature of work, enlisted with Drilling Directorate of I&PDepth, and also have experience in HDPE & GI pipe laying & construction /building works.

Method of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure.

Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee of amount specified above in the name of the Managing Director WASA from a scheduled bank.

Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned upon payment (non refundable) bidding document fee (amount mentioned above) through AlliedBank on account No.11757, New Zarghoon Road Quetta Branch. (The NIT & Bidding Document can also be downloaded from www.bppra.gov.pk under **TSE No. 167696, 167697, 167698, 167699, 167701, 167702, 167703, 167704, 167705, 167706, 167707, 167708, 167709, 167710, 167711, 167712, 167713, 167714, 167715, 167716, 167717, 167718, 167719, 167720, 167721, 166722, 167723, 167248.**

Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 17-12-2019, during office hours on working days.

Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by **17-12-2019** till 11:30AM at the office of the undersigned.

Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the Chairman Procurement Committee WASA at 12:00 PM

Address: O-WASA Head Office near NADRA office New Zarghoon Road, Quetta. Phone No. 081-9211614 Fax No. 081-9211610 Email:mdqwasa@gmail.com

Managing Director,
WASA, Quetta

AB No.234/29-11-19

DAWN

ECP delay

THERE is never a dull moment in Pakistan's politics. Although the saga around the reappointment/ tenure extension of the army chief is over for now, another administrative crisis looms. The chief election commissioner will be completing his term later next week and his retirement will render the currently incomplete Election Commission of Pakistan, which is already short of two members who retired in January, dysfunctional. Given the deadlock between the government and the opposition over their replacement, few expect the process of finding a successor to the current CEC to begin anytime soon. When ECP positions fall vacant, the Constitution requires they be filled within 45 days. This condition has not been met in the case of the vacancies created after the retirement of members from Sindh and Balochistan because of a hostile relationship between the government and the opposition parties. It is feared that unless there is a sincere effort to come to an agreement, the replacement of the CEC will be delayed for a long time.

The failure of the government and opposition to appoint ECP members even after several months speaks volumes for the confrontationist nature of our politics and the existing acrimony between the two sides. The government is largely to blame for this impasse. The Constitution provides that the prime minister must initiate the process of replacing the CEC or an ECP member by consulting the leader of the opposition in the National Assembly. A 2013 Supreme Court interpretation of the law requires these consultations to be 'meaningful', implying that the two sides should try to reach an agreement over the new appointments. In case of lack of consensus, they must send three names each to a 12-member parliamentary committee for decision. But the Constitution is silent on how to proceed in case of a tie in the parliamentary committee, which comprises an equal number of lawmakers from the treasury and opposition benches.

The scheme of "meaningful consultations" can sometimes be quite frustrating, especially when the two sides decide to stick to their positions. But this is precisely the kind of situation where the 'art of the possible' can lessen mutual hostility and help resolve political differences for the country's good. Imposing its choice on the opposition seldom works; such a move always backfires as it did when the PTI tried to unilaterally induct its own ECP nominees in August. In fact, the delay in the completion of the ECP has given the opposition the upper hand in the matter of appointments. It will now be in a stronger position to force the hand of the government when the latter tables the bill defining the terms and conditions governing the service of the army chief and his reappointment/ extension as per Supreme Court instructions. The sooner the government mends its ways the better it will be for all.

Power tariff increase

IT might sound like a nominal hike, but the recent approval given by the Economic Coordination Committee for a 26-paisa increase in the power tariff increasingly cements the impression that the government will continue passing on the costs of its own inefficiency and inability to make adequate recoveries to paying consumers. The power sector regulator, Nepra, had approved a 15-paisa increase in the tariff, but at the ECC meeting, the government went beyond that amount to satisfy a key IMF condition before the first review is taken up for approval by the Fund's board in December. Raising power sector recoveries is a key IMF demand, and if the government is unable to comply, it is asked in the programme to pass through the unrecovered amount in the power tariff. This means those who are paying their bills will have to also pay for those who are not. It is called "full cost recovery" in the euphemistic parlance of the power sector, and is designed to help curtail the growth of the circular debt. Average power tariff after this increase will now be Rs13.77, which does not include taxes, fuel price adjustments and other surcharges.

Average power tariffs have already been hiked by Rs2.33 per unit, mainly to help curtail the circular debt. As the principle of full cost recovery is increasingly applied to power tariff determination, it can potentially put the tariffs on an endless upward climb. The principle itself makes commercial sense but is vastly unfair. It drains any incentive from the distribution companies to improve their recoveries since their management have the assurance that they can collect whatever amount they are comfortable with and the government can always write the unrecovered amount into future power tariffs. Along with the expectation to ensure full cost recovery, the government is also committed to a new mechanism to regularly review power tariffs. At the ECC meeting, the task of creating some kind of an automatic mechanism for power tariffs was delegated to a new committee in an effort to make the process similar to oil price determinations. These changes are fine, but without a wider vision for the reform of power tariffs, in a way that allows a greater role for market forces in tariff setting, these changes will be mostly cosmetic and driven by expediency.

Organ donation

BEFORE Abdul Sattar Edhi breathed his last, he made it clear that he wished to donate his organs to help those in need and as a way of encouraging others to follow his example. Upon his death in 2016, at the age of 88, his corneas were donated to two blind patients at the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation. Edhi's final act of generosity gave two individuals the blessing of sight, something most take for granted. However, despite repeated efforts and lobbying by the SIUT and the Edhi Foundation, organ donation remains an alien concept for most Pakistanis. While it is practised in Muslim countries such as Saudi Arabia and Iran and other regional states including Sri Lanka, Pakistan still does not have a culture of organ donation. Even when someone wishes to donate their organs posthumously, their families are often not ready to fulfil their last wish or other hurdles are created along the way. This glaring gap between demand and supply, and growing income inequality, has given rise to a black market for human organs, where surgeries are performed illegally and without the necessary post-operative care — often on the poorest and most vulnerable members of society. To counter these dangerous practices, while providing vital services to those most in need, some parliamentarians have been trying to pass laws that would encourage and facilitate deceased organ donation.

For instance, since last year, Senator Mian Mohammad Ateeq of the MQM has been trying to pass an amendment to the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Bill. The revision would allow for a distinction made on the CNICs of organ donors, which would make their consent clear in the event of a fatal accident. As noted by the senator, such a mechanism is already in place in several countries around the world. But it seems neither Nadra nor the other members of the Senate are ready for change.

OPINION



BY PERVEZ HOODBHOY

Abdus Salam in China

Dr Abdus Salam's role in seeking China's help for Pakistan's atomic bomb has just been revealed.

PUBLIC interest in Abdus Salam, Pakistan's legendary theoretical physicist, has surged with the worldwide release of Salam, *The First ****** Nobel Laureate*, a Netflix documentary. While the movie dwells on his scientific achievements — and even more upon his deep personal disappointments — absent is any mention of his numerous missions to China. The makers of the movie cannot be blamed. Until now, this aspect of his life was largely unknown to even those of his colleagues who knew him well.

But two Chinese physicists, Jinghan Sun and Xiaodong Yin, have just lifted the curtain. Their paper, titled *Abdus Salam and China — A View on Salam's Influence on China's Science Development Based on His Six Visits to China* was published from Beijing in March 2019 in a Chinese language journal. It draws upon transcripts of various meetings held at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. My Chinese physicist friends have kindly translated some parts into English, to be dwelt upon below.

The Sun-Yin paper reveals Salam's effort to seek China's help for Pakistan's nuclear weapon programme. This goes some way towards answering: what was Salam's role in Pakistan's bomb project? His many enemies allege he played no role while others claim he spilled Pakistan's nuclear secrets over to America, Israel, and India. On the other hand, his admirers insist Salam was a man of peace who never wanted nuclear weapons. Where's the truth?

The facts are now before us: Salam, already an academic superstar in the 1950s, visited China six times and met the highest Chinese leaders. On his first trip in March 1958, Salam accompanied President Ayub Khan as his scientific adviser and had a one-on-one meeting with Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai. The two formed a personal bond. At Zhou's invitation, Salam visited China again in 1959 for a conference. China was not yet a nuclear power and Ayub Khan had no interest in nuclear weapons.

Things changed drastically after East Pakistan separated on Dec 16, 1971. Barely six weeks later, on Jan 20, 1972, president Zulfikar Ali Bhutto convened a meeting of Pakistani scientists in Multan. An emotional Bhutto exhorted them to make an atomic bomb, a desire he had first articulated in 1965. Salam was present and also spoke.

From *Sun-Yin* we learn that subsequently Bhutto sent Salam to China in 1972 to seek China's help with nuclear weapons technology. On page 120 the authors say that Salam emphasised his third trip was "not an ordinary visit". In his meeting with Zhou on the evening of Sept 5, 1972, Salam made his upfront request for nuclear assistance.

Zhou's recorded reply was circumspect: "The (Chinese) Academy of Sciences needs to study this carefully and make preparations. We will send some people over to you for experiences and technology." It is unclear if the authors are inserting their own opinion when they write: "Salam did not accomplish his objective ... although China was very hospitable, it was also extremely cautious."

But a recent article by Dr Yangyang Cheng of Cornell University emphasises that two months after Salam's visit a Chinese team led by Jiang Shengjie attended the opening ceremony of KANUPP, the Canadian nuclear power plant gifted to Pakistan. A chemist and nuclear engineer, Jiang played an important role in the Chinese nuclear weapons programme and was deputy director of the Atomic Energy Institute in Beijing.

Salam took on the bomb project but didn't get into design details — the physics of nuclear implosions was old hat and he was busy chasing bigger fish. So in late September 1972 he summoned his former student Riazuddin (died 2013) to his office at the ICTP in Trieste, Italy. Riazuddin, my senior colleague, had founded the physics department at Quaid-e-Azam University and was intellectually well equipped for the task.

Salam instructed Riazuddin to create a group of theoreticians for understanding the physics of nuclear implosions. PAEC chairman Munir Ahmad Khan, with whom Salam had a warm relationship, agreed. Riazuddin — who received the prestigious Hilal-i-Pakistan after the 1998 nuclear tests — dutifully obeyed. How it all worked out can be found in Riazuddin's memoirs, to be published soon.

Were inputs from Riazuddin's group important? The Americans claim Pakistan possessed detailed blueprints of the nuclear weapons China had tested in the 1960s. One set was confiscated in 2004 from the ship BBC Cargo intercepted on route to Libya. Other nuclear materials sold by Dr A.Q. Khan were also captured. Gen Musharraf had subsequently ordered Dr. A.Q. Khan to apologise on PTV.

But even if Pakistan had these blueprints, they would have been useless without a sound understanding of the underlying theoretical principles — Libyans possessing the same blueprints could do nothing with them. For Pakistan a design template together with physics knowledge made the task much easier. The second step — tuning weapons for different yields and creating different warhead options — is then a relatively small increment.

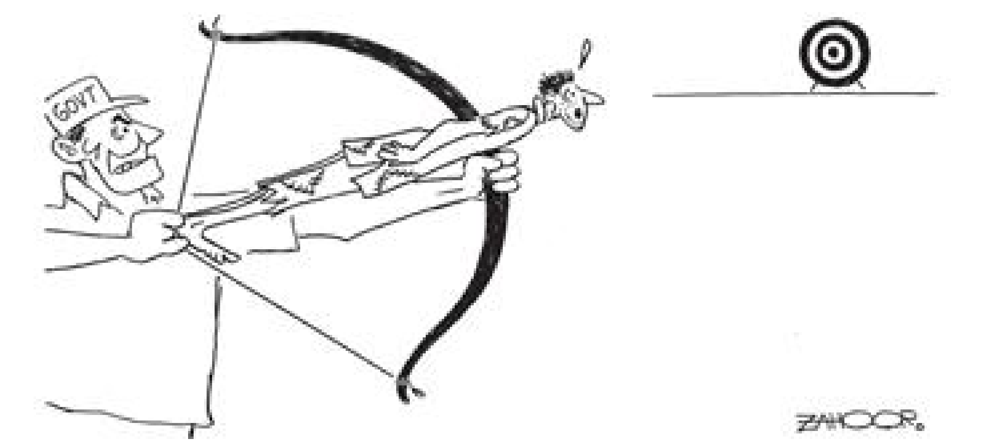
That Salam palmed off Pakistan's nuclear secrets to other countries is a flat lie created by those very persons who were actually into this business and were thereafter exposed. He was not involved in the bomb's development work (except in a broad sense) and knew no technical secrets.

Nevertheless, Salam was in for a big shock; 1974 turned his life upside down. He was devastated when his Ahmadi community was declared non-Muslim by Bhutto's government. Earlier it was possible to be an Ahmadi as well as a Pakistani nationalist. Although Salam tried valiantly to remain both, his attitude towards the atomic bomb did gradually change. Eventually, he saw it as an existential threat to humankind.

To end on a side note: among my life's countless regrets, major and minor, is that I never summoned the courage to engage with Salam on the bomb issue. From 1984, continuing until two to three years before his death in 1996, he and I had intermittently discussed many issues — social, political, and scientific — but never this. Did he regret his earlier involvement? He was certainly aware that I often spoke and wrote against all nuclear weapons (including Pakistan's). Though I suspected Salam's feelings had changed, I felt myself too junior to ask. ■

The writer teaches physics in Lahore and Islamabad.

Power rates hiked to meet IMF target





BY FAHD HUSAIN

Here comes trouble

THUS tweeted the prime minister:

"Today must be a great disappointment to those who expected the country to be destabilised by a clash of institutions. That this did not happen must be of special disappointment to our external enemies and mafias within — mafias who have stashed their loot abroad and seek to protect this loot by destabilising the country."

The prime minister fired off these tweets on Thursday in the immediate aftermath of the Supreme Court's issuance of a short order on the extension of Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa.

This is troubling on so many counts.

Let's start with the intent. The tweet is meant to blame some elements for what transpired in the Supreme Court this week. The prime minister is clearly not blaming his government and his team of legal wizards, that much is disturbingly obvious. We can then safely infer that he is pointing fingers at elements who wanted the system to be destabilised as a result of all that was transpiring in court.

The prime minister does not explicitly say that these elements orchestrated the affair of the extension but he states that elements were certainly hooting and rooting from the sidelines for some sort of an institutional clash to break out. The unsubtle inference that the prime minister is making is that his government is neither responsible, nor blameable and, by this logic, definitely not incompetent.

Right then.

Intent done, now let's move to the meat of the tweet: external enemies and internal mafias. By external enemies, the prime minister may have meant India. Fine. But he used the plural 'enemies' and not the singular 'enemy' which means he had other enemies in mind who were salivating at the prospects of these court proceedings to lead to some humongous fiasco. Who could these other enemies be? Do we, in fact, have certifiable, verifiable, and undeniable countries or entities that we can call enemies? Al Qaeda perhaps? Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP)? The Islamic State (IS) group? The government in Kabul? Were one or few or all of them high-fiving their colleagues while listening to the attorney general of Pakistan fumbling, mumbling and bumbling in front of the three Supreme Court judges? And if so, should we direct our well-founded exasperation and umbrage at them?

Really, prime minister?

Then of course, there are the internal mafias. But since we have so many of them prancing around the country doing what mafias habitually do, one is justified in wondering which one of these multiple mafias was actually disappointed that the extension affair did not combust into fiery flames of fury? But wait. Lest we waste our precious time being confused, the prime minister drops a hint: these mafias that have stashed their loot abroad and actively indulge in activities that can lead directly to the destabilisation of the country as a result of which, they hope, their loot remains protected. That's a long thought. And a longer sentence.

> Let's move to the meat of the tweet: external enemies and internal mafias.

Precedence suggests the prime minister is referring to the PML-N and PPP. In essence then, he inferred these two parties should be held responsible at this moment in time for — if not actually writing the notification — then certainly being joyous and blissful that the notification got written and trashed and written and trashed and written and trashed; and then finally finalised as the final act of the grand finale which, as per the prime minister, led to these mafias' joyousness and blissfulness transforming into grievingness and sorrowness.

If this be so, as it so seems, then the Prime Minister wants us to believe that the entire brouhaha in the top court and the ensuing adverse effects, was no one's fault really, but in fact was – really – the fault of India, Al Qaeda, ISIS, TTP, Ashraf Ghani, PML-N and PPP because, hey after all, why were they happy?

Right then.

Not troubling enough? Consider this: why did the prime minister feel the need to vent so? Was he angry at something? Something to do with his team writing a notification to be trashed so they could write another one to be trashed only to write yet another one to....

Yes, you got it.

Or was the prime minister angry at the universe for allowing the notification to be picked up by the court and torn to legal shreds? The universe does tend to conspire against people every so often — so yes, there's that aspect too. Maybe. Whatever the cause of his tantrum — Farogh, Anwar, universe — the Prime Minister tripped into default mode and swung a left hook as per muscle memory. He did not need to be specific, you see, because when do leaders really need to be specific when they have conveniently random 'enemies' and mafias' to blast? Here's the troubling part though: did he think through his rage before igniting the tweets?

Had he done so, he may have realised that he chose the (a) wrong target; (b) wrong logic; (c) wrong timing. That's a lot of wrong in one thought.

Which is exactly why the prime minister and his unstable government may want to bite the bullet and prepare to make nice with the 'internal mafias' who have stashed their loot abroad. There's some legislative work to be done in five months and 28 days. It is fairly important work because it has been ordered by a chief for a chief. More than that, it can — if done right — pave the way for greater institutionalisation of our fairly de-institutionalised system. This is no child's play. Which is precisely why the government will need to select some adults from within its ranks to lead this legislative venture and indulge in some grown-up negotiations with the opposition. That's a big ask. But is it too much to ask?

The answer will probably trouble you. ■

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OPINION

BY A.G. NOORANI



Democracy in dark

THE recent elections to the legislative assembly of Maharashtra sprang no surprise in yielding a hung assembly in which no party had a majority.

In the Maharashtra elections the BJP won 105 seats; its 30-year-old ally the Shiv Sena won 56. But Uddhav Thackeray, the Sena's leader, seeing the ground slip away under its feet by the assertiveness of the senior and arrogant partner, the BJP, laid claim to the office of chief minister alleging a prior accord.

The BJP denied the accord and refused the prize to its partner. They fell apart. Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, an RSS man, invited the BJP's candidate, former chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, to form a government since his was the largest single party. The invitation was declined. President's rule was imposed. But a Plan B was in the offing.

There was the Congress and its offshoot, the Nationalist Congress Party led by Sharad Pawar. His nephew Ajit Pawar, as ambitious as he was impetuous, had long nursed a grudge that uncle was overlooking his claims to preferment. He clandestinely established contact with Fadnavis and during in the night of Nov 22-23, entered into a shoddy pact with Fadnavis.

As a senior NCP leader, Pawar was entrusted — most unwisely — with a paper containing the signatures of all NCP MLAs. These he submitted to the governor along with his own covering letter supporting Fadnavis' claim to be called to form a government.

Governor Koshyari, shutting his eyes, acted on this 'documentation' without raising the most elementary question as to the veracity of the offers of support. It was the dead of night, after all.

Events ran at breakneck speed lest dawn aborted the ruse. The deal was finalised at 11.45 on the night Nov 22. Hours later, at 2.30 a.m., the governor recommended revocation of president's rule. This requires the union cabinet's approval. This was done at 5.47 a.m. by Prime Minister Narendra Modi invoking, most improperly and illegally, an exception in the rules of business to meet circumstances of dire emergency.

At 7.50 a.m., the governor administered the oath of office to Fadnavis as chief minister and Pawar as his deputy. Less than an hour later Modi congratulated both.

The rest of the drama need not detain us. The supreme court ordered a floor test. Ajit Pawar ditched the Fadnavis fold.

The night's pantomime was, of course, choreographed by Narendra Modi. Only the prime minister could have used, rather abused, the exception clause in the rules to dispense with the cabinet's prior approval to the revocation of president's rule.

A president who so readily agreed to do the prime minister's bidding, at the dead of night, exposes himself as a mere rubber stamp for the prime minister. Three constitutional posts were debased — the president, prime minister and the governor.

The sordid episode yields two lessons, political and constitutional. It reveals the depths to which Modi will stoop to grab power. His publicly proclaimed ambition to secure a Congress-free India was a euphemism for BJP rule in every single state. He began by undermining the cabinet and went on to suborn the president's independence. The Maharashtra episode exposes his true colours. But his defeat there has also raised the opposition's morale — Modi is not invincible. He can be made to bite the dust if only the opposition were to unite.

Constitutionally, it shows that the fears expressed over Indians' incapacity to observe the norms of democracy were all too true. A century ago, C. Rajagopalachari predicted in his prison notes "elections and their corruption, injustice and power and tyranny of wealth, and inefficiency of administration will make a hell of life as soon as freedom is given to us. Men will look regretfully back on the old regime of comparative justice and efficient, peaceful, more or less honest administration. The only thing gained will be that as a race we will be saved from dishonour and subordination."

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Indians grasped the mechanics of the parliamentary system but not its culture, still less its morality. As Balfour wrote in his Introduction to Bagehot's classic *The English Constitution*: "Constitutions are easily copied, temperaments are not; and if it should happen that the borrowed constitution and the native temperament fail to correspond, the misfit may have serious results. It matters little what other gifts a people may possess if they are wanting in those which, from this point of view, are of most importance. ... The successful working of British institutions may be difficult or impossible. It may indeed be least possible where the arts of parliamentary persuasion and the dexterities of party management are brought to their highest perfection."

As for Ajit Pawar's double act, one is reminded of Lloyd George's swipe at Sir John Simon: many a member had crossed the floor of the House but none left behind such a slimy trail. ■

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BY IRFAN HUSAIN



Is honesty enough?

IMRAN Khan has become a past master at deciding which court he will appear before. He has done this previously by questioning judges' impartiality, and by threatening to launch a dharna, or sit-in, with his cohorts behind him.

But now that he's been anointed prime minister, he can no longer indulge in such tactics. When it seemed that the Election Commission would soon be ready to give its verdict on the long-pending foreign funding case that has been hanging over the PTI since the last election, a jolt of electricity passed through the party leadership.

The government spokeswoman even asked: "What's the hurry?"

Actually, we have been waiting for a verdict for five years now. Obviously, the time is ripe for a resolution on the sources of funding of the PTI's election finances, and Khan's request for secret hearings has been rejected, as it should have been.

The reason the ECP has not accepted the request for secret hearings could have something to do with the way he has treated the judiciary. But now, as prime minister, he has had to change his tune. So where's his sportsman spirit? He couldn't get away with constantly questioning the impartiality of the umpires on the cricket field even though he is known to have indulged in roughing up the ball on a couple occasions.

Increasingly, he comes across as a leader who, instead of analysing a problem to look for a way around it, tends to throw his largely incompetent staff at it.

One example is the 'take-no-decision' movement now being practised by the bureaucracy. Frequent speeches trying to reassure the bureaucrats of non-harassment by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) seem to have fallen on deaf ears because the civil servants just don't believe that they will get any protection from the government. So what is the solution?

There was a time when this country's bureaucracy, never the swiftest to start with, at least cantered along at a respectable pace when pressed in response to a ministerial whip. No longer: now even a senior secretary fears NAB's shackles and a visit to the accountability bureau's detention facilities.

So as NAB's jails fill up and projects fall further and further behind, many people are beginning to ask: 'is this the "new Pakistan" we had voted for?' These are people who once said 'he has been around for just a year. And there has been no corruption, so let him be.' OK, but as we look across the mounting problems, we see no capacity to overcome them.

And yet, the corruption at the clerical level continues barely unchecked. This is considered part of the salary package and remains untouched. Try and register a property in your name and watch the mouths open wide. Obviously, some government offices haven't yet joined the 'naya Pakistan'.

Something else that this government has contrived with little reason is the hounding of an honourable and upright judge of the Supreme Court. Qazi Faez Isa is an outstanding judge, but is facing a presidential reference which has been taken up by the Supreme Judicial Council.

Justice Isa is the author of some blistering judgements; one was on the bomb blasts directed at lawyers in which scores were slaughtered in Quetta, and the second on the Faizabad dharna. In the latter case, while the nation was appalled by the violence committed by the Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), it was even more shocked when a senior officer of the security forces handed out cash to the protesters.

At the time, Imran Khan hardly criticised the TLP, but now he is at the receiving end of similar bouncers from another set of mullahs led by Maulana Fazlur Rehman. And yet by surrounding himself by several media advisers, he has distanced himself from the ground realities of the day. After all, it is the job of spin masters to keep the bad news from their boss. Only the good news makes the cut.

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If he reads the newspapers, he would discover that the ban of all things Indian, including life-saving pharmaceutical products, has badly hit patients who can't afford the very expensive European and American drugs. So instead of punishing India, it is Pakistanis who have been punished.

There's something to be said about forming committees to check the situation and render advice, instead of just firing from the hip. And this was surely one occasion.

A change of governance style can still take place as the prime minister learns that being on dharna is very different from running a country of 200 million. Patience and hard work are key. But can he make this transition?

However, having put so much of himself in this effort, and having invested such political capital into this bid, I do wish he learns the art of leadership: after all, he is honest.... ■

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FROM THE PAST PAGES OF DAWN

1969 Fifty years ago

Yahya's decisions hailed

KARACHI: There is general satisfaction and happiness all over the country over President Yahya Khan's decision to hold general elections on Oct 5 next year. Statements and comments are pouring into newspapers and news agency offices, from people belonging to all shades of opinion, congratulating the President for his bold decision to break up One Unit. The comments also express satisfaction over his acceptance of the popular demand for representation on the basis of population, as well as for granting maximum autonomy to the provinces.

The main political parties, however, seem to be still studying the President's broadcast in depth. Most party leaders, except for Maulana Bhashani, have reserved their comments till meetings of their parties or consultation with other party leaders. Maulana Bhashani [said] that he wanted a referendum to be held on the proposed provisional legal framework for the general elections. He was happy that the Government had understood the mood of the people about One Unit. Mian Mumtaz Daultana, who is now in London, making "preliminary observations" to our Chief Overseas Correspondent, has welcomed the President's decisions to hold elections. — Correspondent

1944 Seventy-five years ago

University and polemics

BOMBAY: Sir Chimanlal, in a statement on Mr. Rajagopalachari's Convention Address at Nagpur says: —

"I am very surprised that a person of Mr. Rajagopalachari's understanding should have so far forgotten himself as to use or rather misuse the privilege of delivering his Convocation Address at the Nagpur University, for propaganda purposes — regarding an acute political controversy.

"It is a sin to disturb the serene academic atmosphere of a University by the thunder and storm of political polemics. I am not saying anything about the merits of what Mr Rajagopalachari said. With much of what he said, many people would be in agreement, particularly his denunciation of the policy of non-cooperation and shirking of responsibility by the Congress party. My complaint is against his outpouring — declamation against the Congress and the Muslim League in a University Convocation Address.

"During my 12 years' tenure of office as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bombay, I delivered several convocation addresses. I confined myself to principles and policies of education and never allowed myself to take advantage of my position in the University to propagate and further the political objective of myself or the party I belonged to." — *Dawn Delhi*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Nawaz: 'medical bail'

THIS refers to the news report 'Imran casts doubt on Nawaz's medical reports' (Nov 23).

I would have thought that after the failure of Nawaz Sharif's legal team to secure him relief by legal means, it would have been a foregone conclusion that it would misuse to the full the window of opportunity provided through the system of 'medical bail' for convicted prisoners, for which no precedent had existed in Pakistan. And that is exactly what his legal team has done.

At this stage, an investigation to unearth a known fact could hardly be termed productive and worthwhile. Instead, what is required is to be careful in future and make sure that the nation is not fooled again by similar ploys in respect of Maryam Nawaz. Her presence abroad may be presented as an absolute medical necessity in connection with some special line of treatment for Nawaz Sharif.

I would think Imran Khan would do well to avoid the tendency to talk on too many topics unnecessarily and to take charge of just about everything personally.

Syed Riaz
Karachi

Rising Islamophobia

SOCIAL media was full of praise for a young Muslim man who interrupted an anti-Islam rally last week to stop an Islamophobe from burning the Holy Quran in Norway.

In a video that went viral on social media, Muslim man could be seen jumping into the barricaded circle to save the holy book from being desecrated. The rally soon turned violent, after which police took the man who tried to desecrate Quran and his attackers into custody.

This video became the latest topic of debate, garnering various opinions and sentiments.

Islamophobia, racism and religious hatred have increased hate crimes against Muslims around the world, mostly in the West. Cases of brutal attacks on Muslims are increasing at an alarmingly rapid pace.

Will the world community take notice of this?

Arooj Naeem
Rawalpindi

Sugar cane farmers

LAST year sugar cane crushing season started early November. This year crushing has not yet started. Because of this, not only will there be loss of sugarcane crop, the wheat crop will also be delayed.

The sugar cane price has also not yet been decided by the provincial agriculture departments and the rate of sugarcane crop has been unchanged for the last five years.

The provincial governments are not ready to address this serious issue and the farmers face anxiety. Sindh and Punjab farmers are struggling to survive in this situation.

The authorities concerned should take immediate measures to provide relief to sugar cane farmers.

Fahad Ullah
Lahore

PIA crew

THIS is with reference to the news item "PIA probes mistreatment of ailing passenger" (Nov 22) wherein a woman, who was ill, and had booked a leg room seat on an international flight, was rudely prevented from occupying her seat by the PIA crew, who demanded that she pay for it, even though she told them that she had already paid for it.

This is nothing new. Impoliteness is the hallmark of our character. We desperately try to maintain a veneer of civility but fail miserably. The national flag carrier is simply a microcosm of it. We may have the most gleaming offices that would put to shame many an office in Manhattan, wear the most expensive clothes, move about in the most opulent of surroundings, but deep down we are anything but civilized.

Farid Nawaz
Islamabad

Cultural heritage

KARONJHAR is a magnificent range of mountains located in Nagarparkar district in Sindh. It stretches for over 20 kilometres. The beauty of these mountains attracts thousands of tourists every year. These mountains are also rich in mineral deposits.

From a historical point of view, Karonjhar bears a great significance. Roplo Kolhi, a Sindhi freedom fighter, fought against British rulers in the 19th century in these mountains. And, near the Karonjhar are many historical places such as 16th century Jain Mandir, Bhodesar Mosque, Hidden well and Marvi's well. Apart from them several Sindhi folk tales, including Hothal Pari and Sarangar, are associated with Karonjhar.

It is, however, unfortunate that such a great cultural heritage is under threat from several corporates and influential people, who are involved in the illegal cutting of Karonjhar to obtain granite.

As a matter of fact, this illegal cutting, which has been going on at a rapid rate, would leave a long-lasting impacts on Karonjhar mountain and villages in the vicinity. This will not only undermine the beauty of Karonjhar but also will trigger land-slides, forcing people to leave.

In the developed world, cultural heritage is regarded no less than a treasure. And, every possible measure is taken to protect cultural heritage sites. As a consequence, there are many ancient places the world over which UNESCO has declared as world heritage site. On the contrary, cultural heritages sites in Pakistan are being ignored.

I wonder, when the government will realise the worth of cultural heritage and take serious measures to protect Karonjhar.

Aasim Aslam Abbasi
Moro, Sindh

Korangi causeway

I WOULD like to draw the attention of the authorities concerned towards the Korangi Causeway that has been neglected for many months now.

Being a connection point of great importance for the people of Korangi and Defence Housing Authority who commute daily for offices and industries, the ignorance shown by the authorities has led this road into a hot mess.

Motorbikes, cars and heavy vehicles use this route also.

The danger is always there due to the number of pits, heavy vehicles and poor traffic control. The stones are toothing out in patches rendering the road open to accidents. After last year's heavy rainfall, repair work was required but the administration did not do anything.

People using this route on a regular basis, including myself, face countless inconvenience. At night time or after sunset, the danger doubles for all light transport vehicles. On an average, a minimum of 20 to 30 vehicles cross this route per minute during peak hours.

The people of Korangi deserve better infrastructure.

Ariq Ahmed
Karachi

Water share

OVER the past year we have all seen videos, stories and reports on water theft and how the government was finally taking action against those responsible.

But while researching for my studies I could not find official figures for the amount of water stolen each year.

Since this data should be added to the amount of water officially used by Pakistan to enable the country to demand their share of water from India under the Indus Waters Treaty, it is therefore important and should be reported by the respected provincial and federal Governments each year.

Dr Rohail Baseer
Peshawar

Wild west?

APROPOS the news item 'Police shoot man to death for not stopping car in Civil Lines' (Nov 23) by Imtiaz Ali.

I have seen the city change so much. It is unnerving. Civil Lines is my neighbourhood and it has gone through many disasters. After 1977, the area changed overnight. Crime claimed many innocent lives while many turned to a life of crime to make fast money.

Before 1977, a knife attack made headlines today, it is only when heads roll.

The current situation reminds me of a Hollywood western where shootouts took place with the other side having a fair shake.

It is time for us to see what is happening around us and how future generations will handle their lives without guidance.

Venu Advani
Karachi

Textile & GST

THE delay in processing refund claims has completely blocked the flow of cash within the textile sector. Textile exporters have given billions of rupees in GST to the government and have been waiting for the refund so they could carry on their rolling.

Local textile market is the most affected. Brokers, shopkeepers, labour and transport drivers are facing problems. The 17 per cent GST system can only survive if the same rate is applied across the system.

Aazaiz Mahmood
Sukkur

Vaccinations

RECENTLY the government started a praiseworthy initiative of vaccinating students at educational institutions in Balochistan and Sindh.

Most vaccines are quite expensive for the common man, so a free vaccination drive is godsend.

However, some people have complained that they did not feel good after the vaccination was administered. I think what the government needs to do is hold awareness campaigns to explain why the vaccination is necessary and what to expect after the vaccination is injected.

Mohsin Qazi
Nasirabad, Balochistan

Sindh: arms licences

SINDH Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah has lifted the ban on issuance of arms licences. According to the Sindh government, citizens who will fulfill all requirements of Sindh Arms Act 2013 and the Sindh Arms Rules 2018 will be authorised to keep guns.

The decision has been taken to control targeted killings and other such crimes in the province.

I hope other provinces will follow suit to combat crimes and let people have arms to defend themselves.

Hammal Naeem
Turbat

Controlling locust

A MASSIVE swarm of locusts has migrated from Iran to Pakistan, killing our crops. Millions of insects have recently invaded Sindh, surviving among the plants and flowers.

This sudden exposure of crops to millions of locusts in Sindh is a big agricultural crisis.

The Sindh government should solve the issue immediately and make an emergency strategy to clean locusts from crops.

Fakhr-e-Hyder
Hyderabad

Polish company

A POLISH oil and gas company has been working in Karokot, a city near Gorakh Hill, for the last 15years.

For more than a decade, the company has been ignoring the rights of local people and making their living conditions terrible.

I request the governor and chief minister of Sindh to take action and help the people of Sindh.

Abdul Rahman
Dadu

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BUSINESS

Divestment of OGDCL shares to begin soon

Govt aiming to sell 7pc shares, invites EoI for financial advisory

By Amin Ahmed


A VIEW of an OGDCL gas field is seen in this file photo.

ISLAMABAD: The process to divest up to seven per cent shares of the Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL) to foreign and domestic institutional investors, high net-worth individuals and general public at the Pakistan Stock Exchange has begun.

Privatisation secretary told the National Assembly Standing Committee on Privatisation that the government has invited 'Expressions of Interest (EoI)' for the appointment of financial advisory consortium and the due date for submission of technical and financial proposal is Dec 9.

The OGDCL is listed at Pakistan Stock Exchange and London Stock Exchange and is part of KSE-100 and KSE-30 indices. In 2014 the PML(N) government had tried to divest up to 10pc shares in the profitable state-owned oil and gas company but the plan was shelved due to lack of investor interest. The PTI at the time opposed the move, describing it as a "privatisation" and claiming the government was giving the entity away at a "throw-away price".

The financial consortium is expected to advise the privatisation commission on all matters relating to the transaction and the government will determine the transaction structure, size and divestment strategy on their recommendations.

In its last financial statement for the year 2018-2019, the OGDCL declared a profit after tax of Rs119.4 billion and earnings per share of Rs27.5. The government holds 74.97pc stake while 10.05pc is with Benazir Employees Stock Option Scheme (BESOS). The OGDCL is producing 47pc of oil and 29pc of gas out of the country's total production during 2019-20.

The OGDCL apprised the committee that the company is market leader in almost all aspects of up-stream sector including acreage, seismic, reserves and production. OGDCL is a debt-free company, contributing Rs350bn to national exchequer. In FY2018-19, the company drilled 16 wells of which nine were exploratory and seven were development.

Meanwhile, a representative of Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) also informed the committee that Privatisation Commission board approved divestment of up to 10pc shares of PPL held by government to institutional investors through block sale.

The committee deferred the remaining agenda regarding Guddu and Nandipur power plants and decided that a separate meeting would be convened for detailed discussion. The 425-525MW combined cycle Nandipur Power Plant in Gujranwala is owned by the Northern Power Generation Company Ltd and the 747MW Guddu Power Plant is owned by Central Power Generation Company Ltd, both of which are state-owned generation companies. Both plants have been selected by the government as part of overall privatisation programme.

Ogra proposes slight cut in fuel prices

By Khaleeq Kiani

ISLAMABAD: The Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has calculated minor reductions in the prices of major petroleum products for December to pass on the impact of lower international market rates.

Meanwhile, Ogra has already notified an increase of 2.64 per cent in the price of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) for next month. Under the notification, the 11kg domestic cylinder would now cost Rs1,534 instead of current rate of Rs1,495.

A Petroleum Division official told *Dawn* that Ogra moved a summary on Friday to the government containing calculations on petroleum prices on the basis of existing rates of general sales tax and petroleum levy. He said the Ministry of Finance would announce the ex-depot prices of petroleum productions on November 30.

Based on the import parity price of Pakistan State Oil (PSO) for purchase in November, Ogra has worked out about Rs2.40 per litre decrease in the rate of high speed diesel (HSD), 25 paisa per liter in petrol, 83 paisa in kerosene and Rs2.90 for light diesel oil (LDO).

As such, the ex-depot rate of HSD has been calculated at Rs125.03 per litre instead of Rs127.43, showing a reduction of 1.9pc. Likewise, petrol price has been proposed to go down to Rs113.99 per litre from Rs114.24, down 0.2pc.

The ex-depot price of LDO has been worked out at Rs82.43 per litre instead of Rs85.33 per litre, showing a decrease of 3.4pc while kerosene is proposed to go down has been proposed to decline by 0.9pc to Rs96.35 per litre from Rs97.18.

The government has already increased general sales tax on all petroleum products to a standard rate of 17pc across the board to generate additional revenues. Until January this year, it was charging 0.5pc GST on LDO, 2pc on kerosene, 8pc on petrol and 13pc on HSD.

Besides the 17pc GST, the government has more than doubled the rate of petroleum levy on HSD in recent months to Rs18 per litre instead of Rs8, while levy on petrol had been raised by 50pc to Rs15per litre, up from Rs10. The petroleum levy on kerosene oil and LDO remains unchanged at Rs6 and Rs3 per litre, respectively.

Over the last few months, the government has started increasing petroleum levy rates to partially recoup a major revenue shortfall faced by the Federal Board of Revenue. The levy remains in the federal kitty unlike GST that goes to the divisible pool taxes and thus about 57pc cent share is grabbed by the provinces.

Petrol and HSD are two major products that generate most of the revenue for government because of their massive and yet growing consumption in the country. Total HSD sales are touching 700,000 tonnes per month versus 600,000 tonnes of petrol. On the other hand, sales of kerosene oil and LDO are generally less than 10,000 tonnes.

NA body refers Chashma-Jhelum canal decision to CCI

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary panel on Friday directed the Ministry of Water Resources to take up a decision on an inter-provincial dispute over the construction of a power project on Chashma-Jhelum Link Canal with the Council of Common Interests (CCI).

The National Assembly Standing Committee on Water Resources led by Muhammad Yousuf Talpur did not confirm the minutes of its previous meeting over the issue and directed the matter should first be placed on the agenda of CCI meeting due on December 11.

The committee was also briefed on Diamer Basha and Mohmand Dam Fund, as well as on the master plan for water conservation. It was reported by the concerned officials that some Rs12 billion has been collected under the dam fund created by former chief justice of Pakistan and were still in the accounts of the apex court.

The committee directed that latest position of the total funds collected along with the breakup of expenditure incurred on advertisement campaigns through electronic and print media be provided in detail to the committee in the next meeting.

The committee also decided to write to Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra) for details on the duration and cost of running advertisements for dams' fund.

Mr Talpur said the Sindh government had strong objections to the construction of 25MW hydropower project on Chashma-Jhelum Link Canal being planned construction by Punjab and cleared recently by the Indus River System Authority (Irsa) through a majority vote. He noted that earlier the Sindh chief minister had also objected to the project.

PTI MNA Ali Nawaz Awan said the matter should be referred to the CCI since it is the relevant and highest inter-provincial forum on such subjects.

The committee was informed that the CCI is scheduled for December 11. Maryam Aurangzeb of PML-N also supported the proposals, saying the project had become controversial and should be forwarded to CCI.

MNA Riaz-ul-Haq said that it was also proposed in the previous meeting that matter of hydropower project on Chashma-Jhelum Link Canal will go to the CCI.

Federal Secretary Water Resources Mohammad Ashraf said that the project was being built on Punjab's share of water and every province had the right to put hydroelectric power out of its water share in its territories.

Gas transmission and distribution network to be separated

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to separate gas transmission pipelines from the distribution network under its Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) policy aimed at creating an environment of competition among public and private sector companies.

Major restructuring on the pipelines side by converting them into open access pipes is in the offing and during the next two years, with the government planning to separate transmission from distribution and open up the sector for use through private supplies and open access, a senior official privy to petroleum sector developments told APP.

The Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf government was committed to completely overhaul this sector, he said.

According to the official, the government's footprint in the energy as well as other sectors over the coming years was going to shrink. It is not only the stated policy, but fervent desire and intention, he said, adding that it was not the government's job to decide who had the muscle, market clout and power to succeed but for the market.

He said the Petroleum Division, as per the vision of prime minister, had devised a prudent strategy, which would eventually attract local and foreign investments. The plan was aimed at encouraging new players in the petroleum sector that would oust inefficient players from the industry. An environment of competition will be ensured, ending the monopoly of individuals.

Answering a question, he said Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) had executed as many as 39 pipeline projects during the last six years to reinforce transmission network in their respective operational areas.

SNGPL and SSGC initiated around 16 and 23 infrastructure development projects respectively, of which several have been completed fully and some partially till date, the official said.

During the current fiscal year, the companies under the strategy to reinforce and expand their transmission network would lay additional 13,599 kilometre pipeline, he said. The capacity of SNGPL and SSGC would be enhanced by laying additional 12,300km and 1,699km pipelines respectively in their areas by June 2020.

The official said the companies would invest Rs7.161bn on transmission projects, Rs48.288bn on distribution and Rs18.554bn on other schemes bringing the total investment of around Rs74bn.

Meanwhile the companies were expecting to provide gas supply to approximately 430,695 new consumers during 2019-20, he said.

According to official data, the companies had laid 69km transmission, 3,232km distribution and 1,366km service lines and connected 165 villages and towns with their network between July 2018 and February this year. Besides, they provided 428,305 additional gas connections, including 425,404 domestic, 2,770 commercial and 131 industrial, across the country.

Similarly they had laid 328km gas transmission network, 8,863km distribution and 1,216km service lines and connected 231 villages and towns to the gas network during the year 2017-18.

Pakistan has an extensive gas network of over 12,971km transmission, 139,827km distribution and 37,058 services gas pipelines to cater the needs of more than 9.9m consumers countrywide.—APP

India quarterly growth falls to worst level in six years

MUMBAI: India's economy grew at its slowest pace in more than six years in the July-September period, down to 4.5 per cent from 7.0pc a year ago, according to government figures released Friday that piled more pressure on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The expansion in Asia's third-largest economy fell from 5.0pc in April-June and marked the sixth consecutive quarterly contraction.

The GDP growth, now well below the level needed for India to provide the millions of jobs required each year for new entrants to the labour market, poses a major headache for Modi.

His government is struggling to kickstart what was once the world's fastest growing major economy as consumer demand shrinks and unemployment surges to a four-decade high.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced several reforms, easing restrictions on foreign investment in key sectors, slashing corporate taxes, and launching a privatisation drive aimed at reviving moribund state firms. The central bank, the Reserve Bank of India, has cut interest rates five consecutive times this year in a bid to boost lending.

But none of the measures have raised consumer confidence. Demand for everything from cars to cookies has plummeted.

The slump has already seen India lose its position as the fastest-growing major economy to China this year. China said last month that its economy grew 6.0pc in July-September, down from 6.2pc in the second quarter.—AFP

Profits outflow up 10pc

By Shahid Iqbal

KARACHI: Repatriation of profit and dividends against the foreign investment in the country increased by over 10 per cent in the first four months of current fiscal year.

The State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) latest data released on Friday showed the total profit and dividend outflow rose to $548 million compared to $497m in the same period last fiscal year.

Most of the profit outflow was against the foreign direct investment (FDI) while those against the portfolio investments fell by 17pc to $48.9m during the four months under review.

On the other hand, the FDI during the period witnessed an increase of 238pc to $650m indicating that profit outflows could see higher trend in near future.

Moreover, the country also received a record $1 billion investment in the Treasury bills. The investments could enhance the quantum of profit outflows from the country.

The SBP data showed that highest outflow of profits was from the manufacturing sector at $200m despite being slightly lower than $209m in the last fiscal year.

The financial and insurance sector paid a profit of $112.4m during the four months against $69.3m in the previous year. Mining and quarrying paid $97.8m compared to $78.6m.

The outflow from transport and storage was significantly higher than the previous year at $85.4m compared to $26.4m in the same period last fiscal year.

The average monthly profit outflow was $137m while the outflow in October was $159m indicating the increasing trend.

The government has been making efforts to reduce these outflows and tapping every option to increase the inflows.

Tax return deadline extended

KARACHI:The Federal Board of Revenue on Friday has extended the deadline for filing TY19 income tax returns to December 16. This is after the government last month had given an extension for filing returns until Nov 30.—Staff Reporter

PSX to acquire trading and surveillance system

By Our Equities Correspondent

KARACHI: Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) is all set to acquire Trading and Surveillance System from the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SZSE).

"The object is to bring PSX at par with other international stock exchanges", PSX Chairman Sulaiman Mehdi told a press briefing on Friday.

The signing ceremony took place in Shenzhen, China, earlier this week. PSX delegation was headed by Mehdi while the Chinese side was represented by SZSE CEO Wang Jianjun.

He said the Trading and Surveillance System offered by SZSE was state-of-the-art robust system. The system's benefits included built-in risk management, market access, market data dissemination, market control, real-time trading system, disaster recovery and system operation, monitoring and management, growth enterprise market — so far known as small and medium enterprise trading, bonds/term finance certificate trading, single stock option trading, index option trading and Real time fault tolerant system.

Index breaches 39,000-level despite banking sell-off

By Our Equities Correspondent

KARACHI: The stock market continued its northward journey on Friday as the KSE-100 index rallied 582 points (1.50 per cent) and closed above the 39,000-level at 39,288.

Capitalisation surged by Rs109 billion while the bulls have already tossed the index up by 37pc from its intraday low posted on August 19.

The market opened positive and headed for the intraday high of 746 points as investor sentiments received a boost from the resolution of the COAS tenure extension case. The general feeling was that the court order sanctioning continuation of the service of the army chief would help push forward the ongoing stabilisation measures that would pull the country out of economic malaise.

PAKISTAN STOCK EXCHANGE

THE TOP FIVERS

GAINERS		LOSERS		LEADERS*	
Unilever Foods XD	300.00	Siemens Pak	43.22	Bank of Punjab	52
Rafhan Maize	100.00	Hinopak Motor	23.33	Pak Elektron	20
Bata (Pak) XD	88.48	Mari Petroleum	11.06	K-Electric Ltd	16
Service Ind. Ltd. X	41.40	Indus Motor Co	10.28	BankIslami Pak	13
Sanofi Aventis	33.86	Highnoon (Lab)	8.59	Pak Int Bulk	12

(Share values in rupees) * Volume in millions of traded shares

ACTIVITY

Total listed	558
Active	407
Gainers	299
Losers	92

PARTICIPANTS

Foreign	▲ $1.43m
Companies	▼ $0.30m
Banks	▼ $6.73m
Mutual Funds	▲ $3.75m
Individuals	▲ $3.58m

INDICATORS

	Friday	Previous	Change
KSE 100-SHARE INDEX (Points)	39,287.65	38,706.27	▲ 581.38
KSE 30-SHARE INDEX (Points)	18,010.25	17,782.52	▲ 227.73
MARKET CAPITAL (Rs billion)	7,511,869	7,402,876	▲ 108.993
TRADING VALUE (Rs billion)	14.475	12.185	▲ 2.330

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Investors hurried to accumulate shares that they could lay their hands on across the board. Foreigners' comeback with net buying of $1.43 million firmed up prices of blue chips. Among local participants, only banks were the major profit-takers who offloaded stocks of $6.73m, but that was absorbed partly by the mutual funds and rest by individuals.

Brisk buying activity noted in banks while exploration and production sector remained positive, and even better performance was seen in refinery and oil marketing companies.

Sector-wise gains were led by banks at 277 points, power 45, cement 31, autos 26 and insurance 25. The volume increased 23pc to 428.9m shares from 348.5m a day ago while traded value also rose by 18pc to reach $92.6m, from $78.2m. Stocks that contributed significantly included Bank of Punjab, Pak Elektron, K-Electric, BankIslami and Pakistan International Bulk Terminal, which formed 26pc of total turnover.

Major contribution to the upside was attributable to Habib Bank, higher by 4.24pc, United 4.47pc, Bank Al Habib 1.46pc, Allied 2.60pc, Habib Metro 4.09pc, Meezan 2.20pc, Bank of Punjab 3.84pc, Pakistan Oilfields 1.36pc, Pakistan Petroleum 0.88pc, Attock Petroleum 4.90pc, Millat Tractors 4.06pc and Pakistan International Bulk Terminal 4.07pc.

COMMODITIES

Cotton market listless

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: In the absence of buying interest, cotton market on Friday remained listless. The availability of quality cotton is becoming difficult with each passing day, with the result that trading volume is also shrinking.

Market sources said presently cotton prices are varying by huge margins owing to quality difference with prime lint being quoted between Rs9,000-9,200 per maund while remaining fall in the range of Rs8,000 per maund.

Climate change has badly battered cotton crop and hit productivity levels, brokers said. On the other hand, the textile industry continues to suffer due to non-payment of refunds for the last five months and non-implementation of concessionary tariffs of power and gas for export oriented industry, they added.

Buyers are generally adopting the wait and see approach and strongly felt that if the government is serious to see growth in exports it has to immediately fulfill its commitments, they added.

The world leading cotton markets were also slow and devoid of activity and prices closed easy.

The Karachi Cotton Association (KCA) spot rates were firm at overnight level at Rs9,000 per maund.

Trading on ready counter was extremely slow.

The following deals were reported to have changed hands on ready counter: 3,000 bales, station Rahim Yar Khan, Rs9,000-9,300; 2,000 bales, Sadiqabad, Rs9,100-9,150; and 400 bales, Fort Abbas,Rs8,350.

Govt to raise Rs2.7tr through T-bills, PIBs

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: The government will raise Rs2.7 trillion through the auctions of treasury bills and Pakistan Investment Bonds (PIBs) in the next three months.

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) revealed details of the auctions showing that the government will borrow Rs2.4tr through T-bills and Rs300 billion from PIBs.

They auction calendar shows the maturity amount for T-bills during the next three months would be around Rs1.659tr -Rs762bn in excess of the maturity amount.

In case of PIBs, the government expects to raise additional Rs45bn through the longterm securities while their maturing amount is Rs255bn.

Ever since SBP has stopped lending to the government, it has switched to the scheduled banks since for liquidity needs.

PAKISTAN STOCK EXCHANGE

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CLOSE-END MUTUAL FUND						
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MODARABAS						
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LEASING COMPANIES						
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INV.BANKS/INV.COS./SECURITIES COS.						
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COMMERCIAL BANKS						
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INSURANCE						
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TEXTILE SPINNING						
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TEXTILE COMPOSITE						
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SYNTHETIC & RAYON						
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SUGAR & ALLIED INDUSTRIES						
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CEMENT						
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POWER GEN. & DISTRIBUTION						
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OIL & GAS MARKETING COMPANIES						
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AUTOMOBILE ASSEMBLER						
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AUTOMOBILE PARTS & ACCESSORIES						
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CABLE & ELECTRICAL GOODS						
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TRANSPORTS						
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TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION						
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FERTILISER						
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PHARMACEUTICALS						
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CHEMICAL						
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PAPER & BOARD						
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VANASPATI & ALLIED INDUSTRIES						
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LEATHER & TANNERIES						
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FOOD & PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS						
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GLASS & CERAMICS						
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MISCELLANEOUS						
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MARKETS

FOREX

Exchange Rates for Currency Notes (Rs)

	Interbank market* Buying	Interbank market* Selling	Open market** Buying	Open market** Selling
USA	155.25	155.35	155.40	155.60
UK	199.78	200.45	200.50	201.50
Euro	170.89	171.45	170.70	171.70
S.Arabia	41.34	41.57	41.35	41.45
UAE	42.24	42.40	42.35	42.45
Japan	1.4177	1.4224	1.4100	1.4400

*forex.com.pk **ECAP

BULLION

Per 10 grams (Rs)

	Gold	Silver
KARACHI (24-k)	▼ 72,960	▼ 857.34
MULTAN (24-k)	▼ 72,270	▼ 840.00
LAHORE (24-k)	▼ 72,959	▲ —

OIL

Spot rates per barrel ($)

Dubai crude	63.34
British Brent	62.57
US WTI	56.04

KIBOR

Karachi interbank offered rates

	Bid	Offer
Three months	13.39	13.64
Six months	13.36	13.64
One year	13.06	13.56

LIBOR

Special US dollar bonds for Nov 28

Three months	1.90688 %
Six months	1.89513 %

GLOBAL MARKETS

DOW JONES	28,103.17	▼	0.22%
FTSE 100	7,371.41	▼	0.61%
DAX	13,255.33	▲	0.07%
CAC	5,915.92	▲	0.05%
NIKKEI	23,293.91	▼	0.49%
HSI	26,346.49	▼	2.03%
BSE	40,793.81	▼	0.82%

KARACHI PORT

BERTHING	DEPARTURES	TURNOVER (tonnage)	
Sea King	Chicago	Total tonnage	149,016
Kota Cahaya	Smiley Lady	Export Cargo	34,567
Pacific	Apl Le Havre	Import tonnage	91,449

Two stabbed to death in London terror attack, assailant shot dead

LONDON: Two members of the public were killed when a man wearing a suspected hoax explosive device went on a stabbing rampage before being shot dead on London Bridge, British media said on Friday.

The Press Association domestic news agency and the BBC both quoted unnamed government sources for the toll, but there was no immediate official confirmation from the Metropolitan Police.

Footage on Twitter filmed by eyewitnesses showed a scrum of people tackling a man on the ground before specialist armed officers arrived and shot him dead as he tried to get up.

The attack happened on "Black Friday", one of the busiest shopping days of the year in the run-up to Christmas, bringing more shoppers onto the streets.

The Metropolitan Police said it was called at 1:58pm to a stabbing a premises near the bridge, which links The City financial district to the south bank of the River Thames. "A male suspect was shot by specialist armed officers," Neil Basu, the head of UK counter-terrorism policing, told reporters outside New Scotland Yard police headquarters.

"This suspect died at the scene. It has been declared a terrorist incident. We retain an open mind as to any motive.

"We believe a device that was strapped to the body of the suspect was a hoax explosive device."

Several people were seen in video footage apparently surrounding the man on the ground.

One man, wearing a suit and tie, was seen retreating from the scene, with what appeared to be a large knife in his right hand.

Three armed officers then appeared on the scene and surrounded the scrum.

One officer pulled a man away before two shots appeared to be fired.

An eyewitness told reporters: "He was on the ground with a knife near him, and a bag near him and then they surrounded him and armed police shot him."

Another told the BBC she and other people in the area rushed into a nearby restaurant and were told by staff to take cover under tables.

The bridge was closed off, with evacuated buses at a standstill, and a white truck straddling the carriageways. Forensics officers were at the scene.—AFP



AN Iraqi anti-government protester waves a national flag close to a concrete barricade amidst clashes with security forces along Baghdad's Rasheed Street on Friday.—AFP

Iraqi PM agrees to resign after Sistani's call

Three more killed as violence rages on

BAGHDAD: Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi announced his resignation on Friday after the country's top cleric urged lawmakers to reconsider their support for a government rocked by weeks of deadly anti-establishment unrest.

The move was the latest twist in an unprecedented crisis for war-weary Iraq, which has struggled to recover from decades of conflict, civil unrest and sanctions.

The departure of Abdul Mahdi could be a blow for Iranian influence after Iran's militia allies and its own commanders intervened last month to keep the premier in place despite mass anti-government unrest.

Iraq's biggest unrest for years pits protesters from Shia heartlands in Baghdad and the south against the ruling elite seen as a pawn of Iran.

Iraq's current political class is drawn mainly from powerful Shia politicians, clerics and paramilitary leaders including many who lived in exile before a US-led invasion overthrew dictator Saddam Hussein in 2003, including Abdul Mahdi.

"In response to this (the cleric's) call, and in order to facilitate it as quickly as possible, I will present to parliament a demand (to accept) my resignation from the leadership of the current government," a statement signed by Abdul Mahdi said.

The statement did not say when he would resign. Parliament is to convene an emergency session on Sunday to discuss the crisis.

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani earlier urged parliament to considering withdrawing its support for Abdul Mahdi's government to stem spiralling violence.

Iraqi protesters celebrated the imminent departure of Abdul Mahdi, but said they would not stop their demonstrations until the whole of the political class was removed. Violence continued in southern Iraq.

"Abdul Mahdi's resignation is just the beginning. We'll stay in the streets until the entire government has gone, and all the rest of the corrupt politicians," said Mustafa Hafidh, a protester at Baghdad's Tahrir Square.

"It's not enough," said Ali al-Sayeda, another demonstrator. "We need them all out, root and branch. We can't let up the pressure."

Violence unabated

Security forces, meanwhile, shot dead at least three people in the southern city of Nassiriya as clashes continued.

Unidentified armed men shot live rounds at demonstrators in Najaf, sending dozens scattering.

Iraqi forces have killed nearly 400 mostly young, unarmed demonstrators since mass anti-government protests broke out on Oct 1. More than a dozen members of the security forces have also died in clashes.

The burning of Iran's consulate in the holy city of Najaf on Wednesday escalated violence and drew a brutal response from security forces who shot dead more than 60 people nationwide on Thursday.—Reuters

Hong Kong protesters seek British support; campus siege ends

HONG KONG: Hundreds of Hong Kong pro-democracy activists rallied on Friday outside the British Consulate, urging the city's former colonial ruler to emulate the US and take concrete actions to support their cause, as police ended a blockade of a university campus after 12 days.

Waving British flags, the activists urged Britain to ensure that Hong Kong political dissidents do not suffer the same fate as Simon Cheng, a former British Consulate employee in the city who says he was detained and tortured by Chinese secret police.

The rally came a day after US President Donald Trump signed into law two bills to support democracy and human rights in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

The UK should enforce similar laws and should have done even more to support the protest movement, said a masked rally organizer who identified herself only as Dawn. Activists handed a petition to a British Consulate official before leaving.

Beijing denies torturing Cheng and says he was held for soliciting prostitution during a business trip to mainland China in August. Cheng says he agreed to confess to avoid harsher charges. He says he was hooded, beaten and chained to a metal frame as Chinese secret police sought information on activists involved in the protests and on Britain's purported role.

Cheng has left the consulate and is in hiding.

Violence in Asia's top financial hub has abated since a stunning victory by the pro-democracy camp in Nov 24 local elections, seen as a sharp rebuke to the city's embattled leader, Carrie Lam.

Protesters are planning more rallies this weekend to keep up their pressure on Lam, who has refused to offer any new concessions to their demands, including greater democracy and an independent probe into alleged police brutality.

At a lunchtime rally Friday, hundreds of people chanted slogans and carried posters telling Lam that it's time to step down. Protesters disrupted traffic in at least two places but dispersed after police issued warnings.

On Thursday night, thousands joined a large rally to thank America, on its Thanksgiving Day holiday, and to call on other countries to join the US in supporting the protest movement, now in its sixth month.

One of the new US laws prescribes sanctions on officials found guilty of human rights abuses and requires an annual review of a special trade status for Hong Kong. The other bans the export of certain nonlethal munitions to Hong Kong police.

China has warned of strong countermeasures and Hong Kong's government has slammed the US move as unwarranted meddling in its affairs.—AP

Houthis claim downing Saudi helicopter

DUBAI: Yemen's Houthi movement said it shot down a Saudi Apache helicopter near the border with Saudi Arabia on Friday, killing its two pilots.

"A Saudi Apache helicopter was shot down by a surface-to-air missile... and its two pilots were killed as it was completely burned," the group's military spokesman, Yahya Sarea, said in a Twitter post.

There was no immediate confirmation from a Saudi-led coalition that has been battling the group for more than four years.—Reuters

S. Korea's K-pop star convicted of gang rape

SEOUL: South Korean singer-songwriter Jung Joon-young was convicted on Friday of gang rape and distributing videos of the assaults and other sexual encounters, and was jailed for six years in a scandal that has rocked K-pop.

Jung and Choi Jong-hoon, a former member of boy band FT Island, were found guilty of gang-raping two different victims on two occasions in 2016.

Separately, 30-year-old Jung was also convicted of filming himself having sex with other women without their knowledge and sharing the footage without their consent.

It is the highest-profile example of an epidemic of spy-cam crimes in South Korea, which have prompted widespread anger and seen women demonstrating in Seoul, chanting: "My life is not your porn".

Jung distributed his videos in mobile chatrooms with recipients including fellow K-pop star Seungri of BIGBANG, who has been accused of illegal gambling in connection with a sex and drugs scandal. Jung was jailed for six years and Choi, 29, for five, the Seoul Central District Court said.

"Jung and Choi took part in gang rape of victims who were intoxicated and unable to resist," Yonhap news agency cited the verdict as saying, rejecting the defendants' claim the sex was consensual.

"It is hard to fathom the extent of suffering the victims must have gone through." The two singers had been hugely popular but had perceived the victims only as "sexual objects" to be exploited, it went on, adding: "They should assume social responsibility in proportion to their fame and wealth." Both men wept when the sentences were announced.

But while the minimum sentence for rape in South Korea is three years most online commentators said the penalties were too lenient.—AFP

New EU leadership eyes more assertive role for bloc

BRUSSELS: The European Union plans a bigger global role for itself, one of its new chiefs emphasised on Friday as the bloc's leadership started changing the guard to a team with firm geopolitical ambitions.

The time has come for the EU to become more "confident, self-assured and assertive" on the world stage, notably by building common defence and security structures, said Charles Michel, taking over as the new European Council president.

His pledge matches the ambition voiced by French President Emmanuel Macron, who argues Europe should have defence capabilities to match its economic heft.

It also echoes the next head of the European Commission, former German defence minister Ursula von der Leyen, saying she wants to oversee a "geopolitical" EU executive. She takes charge from Sunday, succeeding Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker.

While the EU's leaders stress they are not looking to replace NATO, their muscular positioning speaks to growing realisation in Europe that a volatile US ally and an encroaching China requires the bloc to rely more on itself.

Green 'leader'

The aspiration also feeds into von der Leyen's goal of a zero-carbon future, which will demand a rethinking of economic, technological and societal priorities.

Michel, a 43-year-old former Belgian prime minister, underlined his lockstep with the Commission, saying: "I want Europe to become the global leader of the green movement." He took over from Donald Tusk as the chief of the European Council, which represents the national leaders of EU member states who have final say over much of the bloc's business.

Tusk, 62 and a former Polish prime minister, was applauded at length during the simple handover ceremony with Michel, during which a small bell was rung and passed over in a symbolic transition of office. The accolade, which brought Tusk to the brink of tears, reflected his five-year run dousing various EU crises, from Greece's near-exit from the eurozone to jihadist attacks in several countries and a migration crisis.

But Tusk is to remain deeply involved in EU politics. He is to become the leader of the European family of conservative parties across the bloc, the European People's Party, which is the biggest grouping in the European Parliament.—AFP

NEWSMAKERS



BOGOTA: Women's rights activists wearing black bands on their eyes protest against gender violence at the National University on Friday.—AFP



BUDAPEST: Activists of Extinction Rebellion sport red clothes as they demonstrate with other young environmentalists to demand measures against climate change outside the parliament building in the Hungarian capital on Friday.—AP



SINGAPORE: A Cosplay promoter poses for pictures on the first day of the three-day Anime Festival Asia in Singapore on Friday. Cosplay, short for 'costume play', is a subculture originating from Japan with a now global cult following where hobbyists dress as 'Gothic Lolitas' and other often manga-inspired characters.—AFP



MALAGA: People use mobile phones to take pictures as Christmas lights are turned on by Spanish actor Antonio Banderas to mark the start of the Christmas season at Marques de Larios street in this southern city of Spain on Friday.—Reuters

Europe joins climate protests ahead of UN meeting

BERLIN: Tens of thousands of protesters hit the streets of Europe and Asia on Friday to make a fresh call for action against global warming, hoping to raise pressure on world leaders days before a UN climate summit.

Carrying signs that read "One planet, one fight" and "The sea is rising, so must we", thousands flocked to Berlin's Brandenburg Gate for the latest "Fridays for Future" protest inspired by 16-year-old campaigner Greta Thunberg.

Some 30,000 mainly young people also gathered in Hamburg and another 17,000 in Munich to voice alarm at rising temperatures, police said.

Similar rallies took place across Europe, although on a smaller scale than during September's wave of "climate strikes" when organisers said some four million people filled city streets around the world.

Around 1,700 turned out in Madrid, the host city of next week's 12-day COP25 conference, which aims to encourage governments to increase their commitments to cut emissions and combat climate change.

In France, climate activists focused their anger on the "Black Friday" sales bonanza with protesters blocking a distribution centre of online retail giant Amazon outside Paris and others near Lyon and Lille.

Protesters in Paris also formed a human chain at La Defence shopping mall that prevented shoppers from reaching stores, to highlight the climate costs of consumerism.

The Dutch branch of Fridays for Future said demos were taking places in around 15 cities, culminating in an evening march in Amsterdam where protesters would observe a moment's silence for victims of the climate crisis.

Several hundred young people also took to the streets of Lisbon, where Thunberg is expected to arrive shortly before making her way to Madrid.—AFP



LOS ANGELES: Heavy storm clouds and a dusting of snow are seen in the San Gabriel mountain range behind downtown the city on Friday. California is drenched or blanketed in snow after a powerful Thanksgiving storm. Rain and snow showers are continuing in parts of the state on Friday morning while skies are clearing elsewhere.—AP

Mexico says US operations against drug cartels will not be allowed

MEXICO CITY: Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador warned on Friday that he would not allow cross-border armed US operations against drug cartels in the country.

"We are not going to allow armed people to act in our territory. Armed foreigners cannot intervene in our territory. We will not allow that," Lopez Obrador said.

US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he planned to designate the Mexican cartels as terrorist organisations, after earlier saying he would help Mexico tackle the drug gangs.

Trump called for a "war" on the drug cartels in early November when nine women and children from an American Mormon community in northern Mexico were killed in a hail of gunfire.

In Mexico, scourged by spiralling drug gang violence, the comments have been taken as amounting to a threat of armed cross-border operations.

Lopez Obrador said he considered any such operations unlikely, saying there was "great cooperation" between the neighbours.

"In the unlikely case that a decision is taken that we consider affects our sovereignty, then we will act within the framework of international law, but I see it as unlikely," the president said.

Mexico deployed its army to fight drug trafficking in 2006, but experts blame the so-called "drug war" for the violence between fragmented cartels and the military, which has led to more than 250,000 murders. Trump made his controversial comments in a radio interview with conservative media personality Bill O'Reilly that was posted online.

"Are you going to designate these cartels in Mexico as terror groups and start hitting them with drones?" O'Reilly asked.

"I will be designating the cartels... absolutely. I have been working on that for the last 90 days," said Trump.

Mexican authorities reacted swiftly, with the foreign ministry saying that it has contacted US officials "to understand the content and the reach" of what the US president had said.—AFP

Sudan overturns moral policing law, disbands ex-ruling party

CAIRO: Sudan's transitional government announced on Friday it overturned a moral policing law that criminalised revealing clothing for women and drinking alcohol and moved to dissolve the country's former ruling party, fulfilling two major demands from the country's pro-democracy protesters.

Rights groups say the Public Order Act targets women and is a holdover from the three-decade rule of toppled autocrat Omar al-Bashir.

This law is notorious for being used as a tool of exploitation, humiliation & violation of rights, Prime Minister Abdallah Hamdok tweeted in reference to the overturned law. I pay tribute to the women and youth of my country who have endured the atrocities that resulted from the implementation of this law.

The Public Order Act was first passed in 1992 by al-Bashir's government and enforced only in the capital, Khartoum, before being applied nationwide four years later. The Sharia-inspired law criminalised a wide range of individual behaviour, including revealing clothing and drinking alcohol. Those convicted of violating the act could face prison sentences, fines, lashing and confiscation of property.

For decades, human rights activists have decried the law and argued that its vague language gave the police and judges leeway to prosecute women, who later played a crucial role in the mass protests that culminated in al-Bashir's overthrow in April.

Amnesty International welcomed the repeal of the controversial law as a step forward for women's rights.

The London-based rights group also called on the transitional government to overturn other repressive clauses in criminal laws such as articles dictating women's dress code and flogging as a form of punishment.

Sudan's sovereign council and cabinet announced both decisions after a fourteen-hour long meeting that ended shortly after midnight on Thursday. It said the law to dismantle al-Bashir's National Congress Party would also confiscate all the overruling party's assets and funds.—AP

Move condemned

KHARTOUM: Ousted president Omar al-Bashir's party on Friday condemned Sudan's new "illegal government" for ordering its closure and the dismantling of his regime that ruled the country for 30 years.

Sudan's new authorities Thursday approved a law ordering the leader's National Congress Party to be dissolved, its assets confiscated and the regime dismantled as demanded by the protest movement that led to Bashir's fall in April.

On Friday, the NCP accused the authorities of trying to confiscate its properties and assets to tackle Sudan's economic crisis, which it said the new government had failed to address.

"To rely on the assets of the party, if there are any, is nothing more than a moral scandal, an act of intellectual bankruptcy and a total failure on the part of the illegal government," the NCP said on its Facebook page.—AFP

Slow and steady hope for near-extinct Bangladesh tortoises

RAJENDRAPUR: Newly-hatched tortoises take their first steps at a Bangladesh conservation park, their feet barely visible under hard shells that carry the weight of the species on their backs.

These tiny newborns — 41 in all — belong to a species thought to have gone extinct in the country until seven years ago, when they were rediscovered by conservationists with the help of locals in the southeastern Chittagong hills.

Once abundant across dense tropical forests in Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Thailand, the population of Asian Forest Tortoises has fallen sharply after widespread habitat destruction and rampant poaching.

With their local population estimated at less than 50 before the recent births, wildlife experts and forestry officials have worked hard to boost their numbers.

Two years ago they brought two male and five female adults to a forest reserve north of the capital Dhaka in an effort to breed them in captivity.

To their delight, the appropriately-named Casanova, around 15 years old, and Big Boy, aged between 50 and 100, mated with four females giving birth to 46 babies.

The 41 to have survived are growing at a "healthy pace", conservationist Shahriar Caesar Rahman told AFP.

"It is a huge achievement because without this intervention they would have gone extinct from the country," Rahman said. "We are giving them a realistic chance now for them to get back from the brink. And we hope that in future they will survive and thrive in Bangladesh."

Across the region, the population of Asian Forest Tortoises has plummeted by at least 80 per cent in the past 135 years and the species is critically endangered, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Environmentalists say the success of the breeding programme is no guarantee the species will survive once the newborns are released back into the wild.—AFP

Australia jails three for decades over bomb plot

SYDNEY: A court in Australia sentenced three men on Friday to decades in prison for plotting bomb attacks on Christmas Day in 2016 at key sites in the south-eastern city of Melbourne, police said.

The men were found guilty last year of planning the attacks in Australia's second city in what authorities called "an imminent terrorist event" inspired by militant Islamic State group.

A 24-year-old man, Hamza Abbas, was jailed for 22 years, while Ahmed Mohamed, 25, and Abdullah Chaarani, 29, were jailed for 38 years, including sentences for another attack, the Australian Federal Police said in a statement.

It was not immediately clear if the men would appeal their sentences.—Reuters

DAWN

It's verdict that earns respect for judge: CJP

Cites poor education quality of private law schools & work burden on judges as main ills afflicting justice system

By Shakeel Ahmed



CHIEF Justice of Pakistan Asif Saeed Khosa gestures as he addresses lawyers at the High Court Bar Association in Multan on Friday.—Reuters

MULTAN: Chief Justice of Pakistan Asif Saeed Khosa says judges earn respect from society because they decide their matters.

"If a judge does not give his verdict after hearing arguments, there is no difference between him and a postman," he said in his address to members of the Lahore High Court's Multan bar on Friday.

The chief justice started his speech in Seraiki, saying he was not a guest rather the Multan bar was his home from where he started practice as a lawyer.

The focus of his speech was decline in the standards of law practice and its causes. The chief justice said that a large number of lawyers were being produced every year on account of mushroom growth of private law colleges. However, a majority of these entrants do not get an opportunity to work with senior lawyers.

Highlighting poor teaching standards in law colleges, Chief Justice Khosa said that "a student passing the first year of LLB is offered to teach students of first year" to get fee waiver for second year.

"Unfortunately, today young lawyers do not have the opportunity to learn good traditions and practices from the seniors having 20 to 30 years' experience."

Because of the same reason, he said, young lawyers elected young representatives to head bars, keeping most of senior lawyers away from bar politics.

The CJP stressed the need for introducing such a system through which each young lawyer may get training from their seniors.

He said that another imbalance in the judicial system had been created due to increase in the number of cases.

"In the past the judges could afford to listen to lawyers without haste because of a small number of cases, but now judges are unable to give ample time to lawyers to the extent of their satisfaction," he elaborated.

Chief Justice Khosa said the focus of the bar and bench should be the litigant.

"They should think about relief for the litigant at each step. When they do so, they will come to the court with proper preparation. If the lawyers do this, they will not seek adjournment."

Recalling his work with the Multan bar, Chief Justice Khosa said that he was there when the bar hall was constructed. Multan, Bahawalpur and Rawalpindi benches were announced on the same day on Jan 9, 1981. The Multan bench was made functional the very next day.

While remembering his friends, colleagues and days in Multan, the chief justice said that Multan always remained close to his heart.

"Today the senior most and junior most judges of the Supreme Court are from Multan," he noted with joy and pride.

Too early for resumption of talks with US: Taliban

Trump makes lightning trip to Kabul

KABUL: The Taliban said on Friday it was "way too early" to speak of resuming direct talks with Washington, a day after President Donald Trump suggested negotiations to end America's longest war were back on track during a surprise visit to Afghanistan.

The statement from Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid sounded a note of caution after Mr Trump said during a lightning visit to Bagram Airfield on Thursday that the Taliban want "to make a deal".

"We're meeting with them and we're saying it has to be a ceasefire," he told reporters during the visit to mark the Thanksgiving holiday with troops at the base.

His statement indicated progress, though Mr Mujahid's remarks suggested roadblocks remained.

"It is way too early to talk about the resumption of talks for now," the spokesman said in a WhatsApp message, adding that the Islamist group would give an official reaction later.

In September the US and the Taliban had appeared on the verge of signing a deal that would have seen Washington begin pulling troops out of Afghanistan in return for security guarantees.

It was also expected to pave the way to direct talks between the Taliban and the government in Kabul. But that month Mr Trump abruptly called the year-long effort "dead", and withdrew an invitation to the insurgents to meet in the United States due to the killing of an American soldier.

"We were getting close and we pulled back. We didn't want to do it because of what they did," President Trump said at Bagram during a meeting with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, referring to the death of the soldier.

"Since then, we've hit them so hard, they've never been hit this hard," he added.

Most observers agree that a political settlement is the only way towards a lasting peace in Afghanistan, and since September diplomatic efforts to foster dialogue have continued.

The Taliban last week handed over two hostages — an American and an Australian — after three years in captivity in exchange for three high-ranking militant prisoners, a move seen as a boost to resuming negotiations.

About 13,000 US troops remain in Afghanistan, 18 years after the United States invaded following the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Mr Trump said he planned to reduce the number to 8,600, and later added "we can go much further than that", without giving details.

The president also said on Thursday the war in Afghanistan "will not be decided on the battlefield" and that "ultimately there will need to be a political solution" decided by people in the region.

The militants have long refused to talk to Afghan government officials, however, declaring the administration a "puppet" of the US.

A simmering political crisis over the most recent Afghan presidential election will not help.

The September 28 poll has already been marred by a record-low turnout and bickering between the incumbent, Mr Ghani, and his chief rival, Abdullah Abdullah.

Two months later, election officials have not yet released even a preliminary count. Without a result, it is not yet clear whether it will be Mr Ghani or Mr Abdullah who eventually faces the militants across the negotiating table.

A ceasefire could also be part of the delay.

"That would be a major shift in policy. Violence is leverage for the Taliban," tweeted the Wilson Centre's South Asia analyst Michael Kugelman.—AFP

PM to attend Kuala Lumpur summit on Ummah's problems

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan would visit Malaysia next month to attend the first Kuala Lumpur Summit that would discuss Ummah's problems.

The invitation for the Summit was delivered to PM Khan by Malaysian prime minister's special envoy, Deputy Foreign Minister Marzuki Bin Haji Yahya on Friday.

The summit being held in the Malaysian capital from Dec 18 to 20 is being attended by Indonesia, Turkey, Pakistan and Qatar in addition to host Malaysia. The event's theme is 'The Role of Development in Achieving National Sovereignty'. The Summit is aimed at understanding the problems afflicting the global Muslim community and suggesting the way towards addressing them.

"The Prime Minister conveyed his thanks for the invitation and stated that he looked forward to participating in the KL Summit," the PM Office said in a statement.

The summit would discuss issues related to peace, security, and defence; trade and investment; technology and internet governance; development and sovereignty; integrity; good governance; culture and identity; and justice and freedom.

Speaking to the special envoy, Mr Khan appreciated Malaysia's principled position on the Kashmir dispute and apprised him of the dire human rights and humanitarian situation in the Valley. The PM called upon the international community to play its role in the lifting of curfew and other restrictions in Occupied Kashmir and peaceful resolution of the dispute.

Meanwhile, FO welcomed the holding of first-ever 'Open Discussion' on the worsening human rights situation in India-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission, as part of its 16th regular session held in Jeddah from Nov 25 to 28. The discussion was attended by all members of the Commission and a large number of representatives of OIC member and observer states.—Staff Reporter

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SPORT

Punjab 'A' made to fight hard for victory

By Our Sports Reporter

LAHORE: On a day of lopsided fixtures in the National Junior Hockey Championships at the National Hockey Stadium here on Friday, Punjab 'A' had to battle hard to seal a 2-0 victory against Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 'B'.

Mohammad Usman scored the opening goal in the 14th minute when he converted a penalty-corner. That lead was doubled by Hannan Shahid with a field strike in the 40th minute.

Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) outplayed Islamabad 4-1 thanks to a brace from Abdul Mannan who struck in the ninth and 23rd minutes.

Rizwan Ali (49th minute) and Moazzam (52nd) completed the scoreline for the winning side, while Essa Khan reduced the margin for Islamabad in the 38th minute.

Fancied Wapda drubbed minnows Gilgit 17-0 to record the second day's biggest margin of victory. Four goals from Hasan Saleem (in the 18th, 17th, 27th and 32nd minute) led the goal avalanche.

Hasan was followed by the quartet of Rana Waheed (3rd and 59th minute), Mohammad Yasir (5th and 18th) Zohair Saleem (43rd and 54th) and Mohammad Yasir (47th and 51st) with two goals apiece each with one each scored by Roman Khan (opening minute), Suleman Shaukat (4th), Hammad Anjum (50th), Ali Bahadur (40th) and Zain-ul-Abdian (41st).

Abdur Rehman pumped in for goals to inspire Port Qasim Authority to a 10-0 triumph over Sindh 'A'. Rehman hit the board in the 7th, 10th, 12th, 14th minute. Ahmed (29th and 35th), Nauman Khan (54th, 58th), Mehtab (41st), Sabi-ul-Hasan (56th) were the other scorers.

Customs outplayed Sindh 'B' 6-1 with Sami (11th and 43rd minute), Wasim (24th), Abbas (36th), Raheela (54th) and Adnan Lalo (57th) their scorers while Arslan Haider got the consolation goal for the provincial outfit in the 27th minute.

Army 'A' blanked Balochistan 6-0 with Usman Jaffer (22nd and 44th minute), Mohammad Aman (27th and 35th), Shahid Ali (17th) and Mohammad Umar (18th) sounding the board.

MPCL defeated Punjab 6-1 with Arbaz Ahmed scoring twice and Mohammad Anees, Abdul Rehman, Waqar Ali and Arbaz all scored one each. Rana Waleed scored for Punjab.

In the day's last fixture, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 'A' thrashed Azad Jammu Kashmir (AJK) 8-2. For th winning side the goalscorers were Aamir Farooq (1st, 10th and 19th), Usman (20th and 39th), Ahsan (44th and 48th) and Jibran (41st).

AJK's scorers were Saad Nasar (6th minute) and and Sufiyan (56th).



LUCKNOW: West Indies opener John Campbell attempts to sweep during the one-off Test against Afghanistan at the Ekana Cricket Stadium on Friday.—AFP

West Indies complete Afghanistan rout

LUCKNOW: West Indies handed Afghanistan a crushing nine-wicket defeat within three days in their one-off cricket Test here on Friday.

Resuming their second innings at a precarious 109-7 at the Ekana Cricket Stadium with a lead of only 19 runs, Afghanistan were bowled out for 120 in its second innings within 30 minutes on the third morning.

Captain Jason Holder (3-20) polished off the Afghanistan tail with his seamers as he got the outside edges of his rival skipper Rashid Khan and Afsar Zazai's bats and bowled Yamin Ahmadzai.

The West Indies then hurried to 33-1 with John Campbell remaining unbeaten on 19 when he smashed left-arm spinner Amir Hamza over mid-off for the winning boundary.

The only blot in an otherwise a comprehensive win for West Indies was the form of Kraigg Brathwaite, who fell for eight runs to Amir to continue a barren run in the test format.

"This was really an important win after we had a tough series against India [and it] was important to finish the year well," Holder said. "Credit to the boys, they stuck together well. It was very pleasing to see new guys come in and take the opportunity.

"Shamarh [Brooks] did that. He scored a 50 in the last innings and followed it with a 100 here, it was full of class and then Rahkeem [Cornwall] getting seven in the first innings [and 10 in the match] in just his second Test, is amazing."

Afghanistan went into the match aiming to be the first country to win three of their first four Tests. Afghanistan lost to India inside two days in their inaugural Test, but then defeated Ireland and Bangladesh.

This one was no real contest, though, and Afghanistan are 2-2 since being elevated to the elite Test cricket ranks.

"I think, what I've seen, we've been struggling in the longer formats, especially in batting and thats the area we need to improve," Afghanistan captain Rashid said. "We want more Test matches, the more we play Tests and ODIs, the better it is. Just one Test per year isn't good enough."

Off-spinner Cornwall was the architect of West Indies big win on a turning wicket in this northern Indian city with a match haul of 10-121.

Cornwall ran through the top order twice, returning figures of 7-75 and 3-46 that restricted Afghanistan to paltry totals of 187 and 120.

Brooks then notched his maiden Test hundred as the West Indies replied with 277 for a first-innings lead of 90.

Both teams had earlier split the white-ball series also played at the same venue. West Indies swept Afghanistan 3-0 in ODI series before Afghanistan won the Twenty20 International series 2-1 after losing the first match.—AP

Scoreboard

AFGHANISTAN (1st innings) 187 (Javed Ahmadi 39; R.R.S. Cornwall 7-75).
WEST INDIES (1st innings) 277 (S.S.J. Brooks 111, J.D. Campbell 55, S.O. Dowrich 42; Amir Hamza 5-74, Rashid Khan 3-114).
AFGHANISTAN (2nd innings, overnight 109-7):

Ibrahim Zadran lbw b Cornwall	[illegible]
Javed Ahmadi c Cornwall b Chase	[illegible]
Rahmat Shah not out	[illegible]
Rahmat Shah c Brooks b Cornwall	[illegible]
Asghar Afghan c Brooks b Cornwall	[illegible]
Nasir Jamal b Chase	[illegible]
Amir Hamza c Cornwall b Chase	[illegible]
Afsar Zazai c Dowrich b Holder	[illegible]
Rashid Khan c Dowrich b Holder	[illegible]
Yamin Ahmadzai b Holder	[illegible]
Zahir Khan not out	[illegible]
EXTRAS (B-4, LB-4, NB-1)	[illegible]
TOTAL (all out, 45.? overs)	120

FALL OF WKTS: 1-?, 2-?, 3-?, 4-?, 5-?, 6-?, 7-?, 8-?, 9-?.
BOWLING: Roach 4-?, Holder 6.1-2-20-3; Warrican [illegible]; Cornwall [illegible]; Chase 3-1-[illegible].
WEST INDIES (2nd innings):

K.C. Brathwaite c Afsar b Amir	8
J.D. Campbell not out	19
S.D. Hope not out	6
EXTRAS	[illegible]
TOTAL (for one wkt, 6.2 overs)	33

FALL OF WKT: 1-[illegible].
BOWLING: Yamin Ahmadzai [illegible]; Javed Ahmadi [illegible]; Amir Hamza [illegible]; Rashid Khan [illegible].
RESULT: West Indies won by nine wickets.
UMPIRES: P.R. Reiffel (Australia) and [illegible] (India).
TV UMPIRE: Ahmed Shah Pakteen (Afghanistan).
MATCH REFEREE: B.C. Broad (England).
MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: Rahkeem Cornwall.

Winning show from Hamza

By Our Sports Reporter

LAHORE: Black Horse Paints/Arthema Medical and Samba Bank recorded thrilling victories in the Hamdan Lahore Open Polo Championship here at the Lahore Polo Club ground on Friday.

Four goals by Hamza Mawaz Khan helped Black Horse Paints/Arthema Medical edge out Platinum Horse/Olympia 8-7. Ahmed Bilal Riaz contributed a hat-trick while Daniyal Sheikh scored one goal for the victors. From the losing side, Amirreza Behboodi smashed five goals with Ghulam Mustafa Moosoo and Ahmed Ali Tiwana adding a goal each.

In the close match, the losing side took a 4-3 lead which they increased to 6-4 by the end of the second chukker. The third chukker was evenly poised as both the teams scored one goal apiece to make it 7-5 in favour of the losing side.

From thereon, the winners stunned everyone with their fightback, to first make it 7-7 by the end of the regulation fourth chukker as the match extended to the fifth chukker. Ahmed Bilal struck the winner.

The second match also proved a thriller as Samba Bank overwhelmed Master Paints Black 7-6.

Adnan Jalil Azam and Edward Banner Eve recorded hat-tricks for the winning side while Syed Turab Rizvi struck one. From the losing team, Manuel Carranza fired in fabulous five goals and Ahmed Zubair Butt one.

The winners were trailing at 1-3 in the second chukker before Adnan brought his team back into the match with a hat-trick. The winners maintained their slim lead making it 5-4 as both the teams scored one each in the third chukker.

In the fourth chukker both the teams added two goals each as the exciting clash continued, and ultimately ended in favour of the bankers.

Royal Palm lead on first day

By Our Sports Reporter

LAHORE: Royal Palm with 28 points led on the first of the Inter-club Golf Championships here at the Lahore Gymkhana on Friday.

The 20-member teams of Royal Palm, Defence Raya besides Lahore Gymkhana are participating in the three-day championships.

Contested as per the three ball six some alternate shot format, Royal Palm team managed to compile 28 points, attributable to some skillful play by their combinations of Shoaib Bokhari and Faisal Sayid, Azfar Hassan and Faisal Ali Malik, Hussain Hamid and Hasan Hamid, retired Lt Gen Hilal Hussain and Abdullah Sharif and Usman Cheema and Mikail Khan.

While these combinations were outstanding in repressing their opposite numbers from Lahore Gymkhana and Defence Raya and thereby contributed four points per combination to the team aggregate total, a few others who added vital points are Asim Tiwana and Abdul Islam Nazir (two points), Damil Atta and Shahid Abbas (two) and Abbas Chaudry and Dr Tashbeeh (three).

The team placed second were Lahore Gymkhana who accumulated a total of 20 points.

Successful combinations for them who fetched four points per combination were Amer Mehmood and Kh. Jehanzeb, Ahmed Zafar and Danish Javed, and Khurshid Aziz and Husain Atta.

A few others who fetched two points per combination were Taimur Shabbir and Farooq Khan, Qasim Khan and Ahsan Khawaja, Rizwan Raees and Omer Farooq and Shehryar Anwer and Asad Abbas.

The Defence Raya team were third at the score of 10 points.

On the second day, the inter-club golf contest will be held at the Royal Palm Golf Course on stable ford format and the final days competition will be staged at Defence Raya Golf Course.

Wheelchair tennis camp from today

KARACHI: The fourth Sindh Sports Board Wheelchair coaching camp commences from Saturday here at the Union Club.The Sindh Tennis Association (STA) in collaboration with Para Sports Pakistan is organising the camp.

The three-month long camp sessions will be held every Sunday for three hours, from 10:00am to 1:00pm. It is pertinent to mention that the Pakistan Tennis Federation has donated four tennis wheelchairs to STA while Chief of Joint Staff also announced six wheelchairs for PTF which are expected to be delivered to the tennis federation soon.

Moreover, Para Sports Pakistan will manufacture tennis wheelchairs locally to accommodate more players in camps. The work on this has already started.

On Saturday, the organisers will select 8 to 10 wheelchair tennis players for the camp.All wheelchair players and wheelchair-related organisations of Karachi are invited to send deserving players for trials at 10:00am.

The selection committee comprises PTF vice-president (wheelchair) Mohammad Khalid Rehmani,

Para Sports Pakistan secretary Dr Nadia Razzaq, its vice-president Ishrat Zehra and coach Aqeel Shabbir. The players selected will be entitled to conveyance allowance.

At the conclusion of the camp a tournament for wheelchair tennis players will be held and certificates will be awarded among the participants.—Agencies

Farah targets track return at Tokyo Games

LONDON: Mohamed Farah announced on Friday he was targeting a return to the track to compete in the 10,000 metres at next year's Olympic Games.

The Briton has won double gold at each of the last two Olympics, taking the 5,000m and 10,000m crowns in London and Rio, but switched to the marathon in 2017.

Farah, 36, won the Chicago Marathon in 2018 but has decided to return to the track, admitting the marathon had been 'a learning curve'. "The big news is I'm back on the track in the 10,000m in Tokyo next year," he said on his YouTube channel. "I hope I haven't lost my speed but I'll train hard for it and see what I can do."

Farah slashed 37 seconds off the European record with a time of 2hr 5min 11sec when he won in Chicago but with Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge ruling the marathon world, the Briton was never as dominant at the longer distance as he had been on the track.

"To win the Chicago Marathon was nice, to finish third in London was OK, it was good. It's been a learning curve for me," he continued. "[But] next year I've decided, Tokyo 2020, I'm gonna be back on the track. I'm really excited to be competing back on the track and give it a go in the 10,000m."—AFP

Girls match at PGA event today

LAHORE: The girls match in the second Punjab Golf Association (PGA) championships will be played here at the PAF Skyview course on Saturday.

The nine-hole contest is open to all girls, who are 13 years of age and below.

To make it interesting, the competition has been arranged in a way that age difference does not yield any advantage. Hence those falling in the 11-13 years age bracket are included as fellow competitors in the Ruby segment, while those falling in the 8-10 category come under Emerald segment. And the lowest age category is seven years and below and this segment has been categorised as the Pearl segment.

According to Dr Asma Shami, the chairperson of ladies golf in Pakistan said the championship will be contested on stroke play format and in case of a tie, the winner will be decided through a sudden death playoff.

The overall winner will get a glittering trophy and then there are four best prizes in each age category. —Sports Reporter

Karachi United open women's championship with victory

KARACHI: Karachi United opened the National Women's Football Championship on Friday with a 5-0 thumping of Mohsen Gilani FC at the Karachi United Stadium here on Friday.

The result helped United take early charge of the five-team Group 3 of the qualification round which is being played in Karachi. Groups 1 and 2 are also being staged in Karachi with Lahore hosting Groups 4 and 5 and Rawalpindi Groups 6 and 7.

United raced into a 4-0 lead at halftime with Naima, Naqia, Fatima and Zoya scoring. Fatima added a second goal with Mohsen Gilani FC showing a more compact performance in the second half.

The other teams in Group 3 are CDSS FC, Karachi Kickers and Sindh.

Group 1 comprises Jafa FC, Karachi FC and Naseem Hameed FC while Diya FC, Balochistan and Football School of Excellence make up Group 2. Play in those two pools begins next week.

Wapda, CJM Sialkot and Young Rising Star Layyah are in Group 4 while Punjab, Model Town and Higher Education Commission have been drawn in Group 5.

Young Rising Star Rawalpindi, Islamabad and Gilgit-Baltistan will compete in Group 6 with Army, Frontier FC, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Hawks FC all vying in Group 7.

The championship is the first domestic event started by the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) Normalisation Committee which was appointed by FIFA in September this year.

PFF Normalisation Committee chairman Humza Khan was in attendance at the opening fixture.

The qualification round ends on Dec 12, with the final round being played in Islamabad afterwards.—Sports Reporter

Saman crashes out of Islamia Club TT

By Our Sports Reporter

KARACHI: Third seed Saman Fawad crashed out in girls quarter-finals in the only upset on the opening day of the Islamia Club ranking table tennis tournament at the club premises on Friday.

Saman suffered 12-10, 11-9, 5-11, 11-9 loss at the hands of unseeded Bushra Anwar who joined the seeded trio in the last four.

Saman's sibling and top seed Hoor Fawad chalked up straight 11-4, 11-2, 11-4 victory over Humaira Fasih. So did second seed Maria Tazeem who accounted for Hareem 11-4, 11-3, 11-4. Fourth seed Haiqa Adil sent Ammara Ishtiaq packing 11-5, 11-6, 11-8.

With the exception of top seed Kaif Riaz who pulled out at the last moment and fourth seed Ahmed Saleem's exit, other two seeded players advanced into the semis.

Second seed Raza Abbas overcame resistance from Saeed Haider by registering 16-14, 13-11, 11-7 victory while third seed Shayan Saleem was home 11-3, 11-7, 11-9 over Hamza Ishtiaq.

Unseeded Zain Faisal shocked fourth seed Ahmed Saleem in five games thriller the scores being 11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 10-12, 11-8.

Meanwhile, women's singles has reached the quarter-finals stage.

Earlier, former national level tennis player of Japan and manager Nippon Express Naohisa Maruda formally inaugurated the event. Former international player and chairman Karachi Table Tennis Association (KTTA) Javed Hayat and other ex-internationals Arif Nakhud, Rubina Arif, Seema Kaleem, Sohail Hayat, Arif Khan, Fareed Khan and Sindh Table Tennis Association secretary Saleem Ahmed were also present.

Results:

Girls U-18 singles:

Quarter-finals: Hoor Fawad bt Humaira Fasih 11-4, 11-2, 11-4; Maria Tazeem bt Hareem 11-4, 11-3, 11-4; Bushra Anwar bt Saman Fawad 12-10, 11-9, 5-11, 11-9; Haiqa Adil bt Ammara Ishtiaq 11-5, 11-6, 11-8.

Pre-quarter-finals: [illegible]

Boys U-18 singles:

Quarter-finals: [illegible]

[illegible]

Women's singles:

Pre-quarter-finals: [illegible]

First round: [illegible]

Saturday's fixtures: [illegible]

Wolves and Wolfsburg progress as Arsenal crash

PARIS: Wolverhampton Wanderers, Braga, VfL Wolfsburg, Sporting Lisbon and AZ Alkmaar all booked places in the Europa League knockout stages on Thursday but struggling Arsenal must wait after losing at home to Eintracht Frankfurt at a half-empty Emirates.

Gent, LASK Linz and APOEL Nicosia also reached the last 32 but Arsenal's woes continued as Frankfurt's Daichi Kamada scored twice to secure a 2-1 win over Unai Emery's team in their Group 'F' clash on a night when places in the last 32 were up for grabs.

The North London side are still likely to go through but won't be able to confirm their spot until their last game at Belgian side Standard Liege, who drew 1-1 at Vitoria SC.

Arsenal had taken the lead in the first half through Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, but Japanese midfielder Kamada's double after the break increased the pressure on under-fire Emery.

Arsenal have now played seven games in a row without a win in all competitions for the first time since 1992. Frankfurt's winning goal saw home fans holding up cards saying "Emery Out".

Their 48-year-old Spanish manager cut a lonely figure on the sidelines as his sorry side failed to conjure up an equaliser.

Emery shrugged off multiple questions regarding his position during the post-match press conference.

"Now our moment is not good. We need to win, take confidence and I think we are better than we are showing. The players, the coaches and myself," 48-year-old Emery said.

"I am thinking about the next match [against Norwich on Sunday] and how we can improve. My work and my job is firstly analysing that match, how we are in the Europa League, in our feelings and how we are going to play on Sunday."

Aubameyang struck home just before the half-time whistle with a low effort for his sixth goal in 24 matches.

Kamada's equaliser came 10 minutes later as he curled a tidy shot past Emiliano Martinez before adding his second on 64 minutes with a drive from outside the box to inflict a first home defeat of the campaign on Emery's men.

The Gunners are still on course for a last 32 place if they draw with Liege on December 12.

Newcomers Wolves and Braga both progressed from Group 'K' with a game in hand after the two sides drew 3-3 at Besiktas, who were already out of contention, ended Slovan Bratislava's hopes with a 2-1 win.

Wolves were 1-0 down in the sixth minute, then led 3-1 just 30 minutes later amid heavy rain only to allow a comeback in the second half but stormed back still in the first half. Raul Jimenez, Matt Doherty and Adama Traore scored for Wolves, before second-half goals from Paulinho and Fransergio salvaged a draw for the hosts.

Wout Weghorst's penalty put Wolfsburg through with a 1-0 win against Ukrainians Oleksandriya and were joined by Group 'I' leaders Gent, who drew 0-0 at French side St Etienne.

Sporting hammered visiting PSV Eindhoven 4-0 to qualify from Group 'D' and will be joined by LASK of Austria who beat Norwegians Rosenborg 2-1 in Trondheim.

Ten-man Alkmaar had substitute Ferdy Druijf to thank for two late goals as they recovered to draw 2-2 at home to Partizan Belgrade in Group 'L' and join leaders Manchester United, whose second-string side lost 2-1 at Astana, in the knockout phase.

United captain Jesse Lingard opened the scoring before Dmitri Shomko equalised for the home side. United defender Di'Shon Bernard, one of three teenagers who made their senior debut for the English team, deflected a shot by Antonio Rukavina into his own net in the 62nd for what proved to be the winning goal in Astana.

APOEL cruised to a 2-0 win at Dudelange and got a helping hand from Group 'A' winners Sevilla, who beat Qarabag by the same scoreline to put the Cypriots through as runners-up.

AS Roma's Lorenzo Pellegrini was hit by coins as the Italian club kept their last 32 hopes alive with a 3-0 victory at Istanbul Basaksehir.

Attacking midfielder Pellegrini had his head bandaged after he was struck by multiple coins with an hour of the game played after Jordan Veretout, Justin Kluivert and Edin Dzeko had claimed the advantage for the Serie A outfit in Turkey.

The visitors remain in contention for a knock-out spot and sit behind Group 'J' leaders Borussia Moenchengladbach, who beat Austrians Wolfsberg AC 1-0, on goal difference with the Turkish side a point behind on seven.

Lazio got the 1-0 win they needed over CFR Cluj to keep their hopes alive, while Scottish champions Celtic secured top spot in Group 'E' with a 3-1 win at home to Stade Rennes.

Krasnodar boosted their hopes of advancing from Group 'C' by beating already qualified FC Basel 1-0. The Russian side are tied for second on nine points with Getafe, who won 1-0 at Trabzonspor.

Group 'B' is still up for grabs after FC Copenhagen eliminated Lugano with a 1-0 away win and Malmo beat Dynamo Kiev 4-3 with a last-gasp Markus Rosenberg goal as the 37-year-old scored his second goal of the night in his last home game for the club.

In Group 'G', FC Porto grabbed a lifeline with a 2-1 away win over Swiss side Young Boys to keep themselves in contention, while Scottish side Rangers moved into first place on eight points with a gritty 2-2 draw at Feyenoord.

Already-qualified Espanyol missed the chance to secure top spot in Group 'H' as they drew 2-2 away to Ferencvaros, and Russian side CSKA saw their chances of progressing evaporate as they were held to a 1-1 draw by Ludogorets in Moscow. —Agencies



LONDON: Eintracht Frankfurt's Daichi Kamada (C) shoots to score during the Europa League Group 'F' match against Arsenal at the Emirates Stadium.—AP



BERN: FC Porto's Vincent Aboubakar (L) celebrates with Alex Telles after scoring during the Group 'G' match against BSC Young Boys at Stade de Suisse.—Reuters



LISBON: Sporting Lisbon's Bruno Fernandes (R) vies for the ball with PSV Eindhoven's Pablo Rosario during their Group 'D' clash at the Alvalade Stadium.—AP



SEVILLE: Sevilla's Munas Dabbur celebrates after scoring during the Group 'A' tie against Qarabag at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan.—Reuters

Emery axed as 'invincible' Ljungberg named Arsenal's interim boss

LONDON: Arsenal have sacked manager Unai Emery after the Premier League club's worst run in more than a quarter of a century and appointed former player and fans' favourite Freddie Ljungberg as interim coach, the Premier League club announced on Friday.

Emery's final match in charge was Thursday's 2-1 Europa League home defeat to German side Eintracht Frankfurt which extended their winless run in all competitions to seven games, the worst streak since February 1992 under George Graham.

Spaniard Emery succeeded Arsene Wenger in May 2018 and took Arsenal to the Europa League final last year but frustration with the club's erratic league form this season has grown, with the side sitting eighth in the table with 18 points from 13 games.

"The decision has been taken due to results and performances not being at the level required," the club said in a statement. "We have asked Freddie Ljungberg to take responsibility for the first team as interim head coach. We have full confidence in Freddie to take us forward."

Ljungberg, a member of Wenger's "Invincibles" team that went an entire season unbeaten en route to the 2003-04 Premier League title, was appointed assistant coach in June and will now take over with ex-Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri and Wolves boss Nuno Espirito Santo among the early favourites to be named the next full-time boss.

Emery's departure comes 10 days after Tottenham Hotspur fired Mauricio Pochettino following a poor run of form. Emery is the third Premier League manager to depart this season after Pochettino and Watford's Javi Gracia.—Agencies



ARSENAL head coach Unai Emery reacts during the Europa league Group 'F' match against Eintracht Frankfurt at the Emirates Stadium.—AFP

Labuschagne, Warner punish Pakistan again in record stand

ADELAIDE: David Warner and Marnus Labuschagne posted back-to-back hundreds and combined in a record 294-run partnership as Australia dominated Pakistan's revamped attack to finish a truncated day one at 302-1 in the day-night second Test here on Friday.

Warner was unbeaten on 166 and Labuschagne was not out 126 when stumps were drawn at the Adelaide Oval.

The second-wicket stand beat the record partnership of 248 for a day-night Test set by England pair Alastair Cook and Joe Root in 2016-17.

Warner's 23rd Test century was his 17th in Australia and emphasised his comfort in home conditions following a poor Ashes series in England when he averaged 9.5, which jeopardised his spot at the top of the order.

It was a second Test century in as many matches for Labuschagne, who is playing his 11th Test.

Warner scored 154 and Labuschagne posted a career-high 185 last week in Australia's innings victory over Pakistan at the Gabba, where they combined for a century partnership in Australia's first innings of 580.

Unlike the Gabba, though, they had to join forces early because Joe Burns was dismissed in the fourth over. Burns and Warner put on 222 for the first wicket in Brisbane.

Australian skipper Tim Paine won the toss and elected to bat in gloomy conditions and with rain in the forecast for all five days of the second Test at the Adelaide Oval, opting against the temptation to bowl first in conditions that would have suited his pace attack.

It paid off, despite the loss of Burns (4), who chased a ball from left-arm paceman Shaheen Afridi and edged behind to Mohammad Rizwan with the total at eight.

Labuschagne narrowly avoided a first-ball duck, Shaheen just missing the edge, but grew in confidence in combination with Warner and solidified his claim to the No. 3 spot.

After that, and despite 17 overs lost because of rain, the Australian batters were ruthless in eight wicketless hours.

Warner faced 228 deliveries and hit 19 boundaries to all parts of the ground.

"One thing on my game I've really tried to work hard on is really try to be a bit more patient," Warner said. "The last two games I've actually showed myself I can do that. I'm just really proud with how good my defence was tonight."

It was Warner's first century in day-night Test cricket, a relatively new format that Australia leads the world in with a 5-0 record.

Unlike the previous day-night Tests in Australia, though, the pink ball barely swung in the twilight or night conditions and the Pakistan pacemen struggled. The fielding was also poor, with Shaheen kicking the ball into the boundary rope in an embarrassing blunder in the 58th over to give Warner a four off Yasir Shah.

Labuschagne faced 205 balls and hit 17 boundaries. He went within an inch of notching his century with a six, advancing down the track to leg-spinner Yasir Shah and lofting him down to long-off. Replays showed the ball narrowly failed to clear the rope, moving Labuschagne to 98. He reached triple figures with two through the leg side on the next delivery.

He said it felt surreal to be scoring back-to-back centuries and combining in big stands in Test cricket.

"It's a bit surreal at the moment. It was just amazing to be out there with Davey and to just put on a really big partnership," said Labuschagne. "Really happy. We were running hard, I love the intensity of the crease."

Warner paid tribute to the maturity of his partner.

"Credit to Marnus for the way he came out and took the bowlers on again, he picked up where he left off at the Gabba," he said. "We're just thrilled to get through that tonight and want to come out tomorrow [Saturday] and put some more runs on the board."

While the Australians stuck with the same XI that won the series opener, Pakistan made three changes in a bid to end a losing streak in Tests in Australia that dates back to 1995.

Seamer Mohammad Abbas was recalled in place of Imran Khan and 19-year-old Mohammad Musa got a Test debut at the expense of 16-year-old Nasim Shah.

Shaheen had the only breakthrough of the day for Pakistan, returning 1-48 from 18 overs. Abbas had figures of 0-56 from 19 overs and Musa had 0-71 off 13.

Captain Azhar Ali even sent down one over of part-time spin and was duly hit for nine runs. With plans ripped apart and seemingly bereft of ideas, Pakistan may look to the heavens for salvation.—Agencies

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA (1st innings):
D.A. Warner not out ... 166
J.A. Burns c Rizwan b Afridi ... 4
M. Labuschagne not out ... 126
EXTRAS (LB-1, W-1, NB-4) ... 6
TOTAL (for one wkt, 73 overs) ... 302
FALL OF WKT: 1-8.
TO BAT: S.P.D. Smith, T.M. Head, M.S. Wade, T.D. Paine, P.J. Cummins, M.A. Starc, N.M. Lyon, J.R. Hazlewood.
BOWLING: (to date): Mohammad Abbas 19-5-56-0, Shaheen Shah Afridi 18-4-48-1 (1nb), Mohammad Musa Khan 13-1-71-0 (2nb, 1w), Yasir Shah 14-0-67-0, Iftikhar Ahmed 8-0-50-0, Azhar Ali 1-0-9-0.
PAKISTAN: Shan Masood, Imam-ul-Haq, Azhar Ali, Asad Shafiq, Babar Azam, Iftikhar Ahmed, Mohammad Rizwan, Yasir Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Mohammad Abbas, Mohammad Musa Khan.
UMPIRES: M.A. Gough (England) and R.K. Illingworth (England).
TV UMPIRE: R.A. Kettleborough (England).
MATCH REFEREE: J.J. Crowe (New Zealand).



PAKISTAN'S close-in fielder Shan Masood takes an evasive action as Australia opener David Warner sweeps during the second Test at the Adelaide Oval on Friday.—AFP



MARNUS Labuschagne hooks during his century.—AFP

Sri Lanka recall Chandimal for Pakistan Tests

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka on Friday gave former skipper Dinesh Chandimal a fresh lifeline to fight his way back into the national team by naming him in an experienced 16-man squad to play in the landmark two-match Test series in Pakistan.

The matches — part of the World Test Championship — will be the first Tests played in Pakistan for more than a decade because of security fears.

The 30-year-old Chandimal, who played his last Test in Australia in February, will be in a squad led by Dimuth Karunaratne, the cricket board said.

He was in a squad that played New Zealand in August but did not play a match. Former captain Angelo Mathews also returns after being among eight members of the 16-man squad who all refused to tour Pakistan for the limited-overs series in October while citing security fears.

Sri Lanka lost the three-match One-day International series 2-0 after the first game washed out but won the three Twenty20 Internationals.

Regular skipper Karunaratne was one of the 10 players who stayed away from the tour.

The Test series was originally scheduled for October at a neutral venue because of security concerns, but the PCB requested Sri Lanka to play the entire bilateral series in Pakistan. The white-ball games were played as a test of sorts for the security measures taken by the hosts, and following the success of that tour, Sri Lanka agreed to play the Tests in Pakistan too.

There was only one change to the Sri Lanka squad that played the second Test against New Zealand at home in August. Kasun Rajitha, the right-arm fast bowler, replaced legspinner Akila Dananjaya, who is currently serving a one-year suspension for an illegal action.

The first Test will start on Dec 11 in Rawalpindi, followed by the second in Karachi from Dec 19.

Pakistan has not hosted a Test match since the 2009 Lahore attack that wounded several Sri Lankan cricketers, support staff members and others. Of the current players, fast bowler Suranga Lakmal was part of Sri Lanka's squad back then as well.

Squad: Dimuth Karunaratne (captain), Oshada Fernando, Kusal Mendis, Angelo Mathews, Dinesh Chandimal, Kusal Perera, Lahiru Thirimanne, Dhananjaya de Silva, Niroshan Dickwella, Dilruwan Perera, Lasith Embuldeniya, Suranga Lakmal, Lahiru Kumara, Vishwa Fernando, Kasun Rajitha, Lahiru Sandakan.—Agencies

BCB director barred from leaving country

DHAKA: Bangladesh's anti-corruption commission has barred a top cricket official from leaving the country as it steps up an investigation into the sport's national body, a spokesman said on Friday.

Mahbubul Anam is one of at least two senior Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) directors under suspicion.

"An investigation is underway against him (Mahbubul) for amassing illegal wealth. The concerned authorities have been instructed to ensure he cannot leave the country," commission spokesman Pranab Kumar Bhattacharjee said.

The commission told immigration police in a letter on Thursday that Mahbubul was under investigation for manipulating tenders and appointments and abusing his power in the selection of cricket board sponsors.

"It was learnt that this person is trying to flee the county with his family. For proper investigation it is essential to stop him from going abroad," said the letter, which was seen by AFP.

Mahbubul, a former BCB general secretary and vice-president, denied any wrongdoing.

"I am not involved with any BCB tender process or sponsorship. The allegation is not true," he said.

The BCB has faced regular corruption scandals.

Another BCB director, Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan, was arrested in September for running an illegal casino in a sports club.

He was remanded in custody in November on charges of accumulating illegal wealth and remains under investigation.—AFP



ABU DHABI: Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas of Finland steers his car during the second free practice for the Emirates F1 Grand Prix at the Yas Marina racetrack on Friday. Bottas completed a 'double top' when he out-paced Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton under the lights. The Finn, who was also fastest in the opening session, improved on his afternoon benchmark with a lap of one minute 36.256 seconds. The 30-year-old was 0.310 seconds quicker than Hamilton, who was third in the morning. In the first practice, Bottas finished 0.535 seconds ahead of Red Bull driver Max Verstappen and 0.634 ahead of Hamilton.—AP

Injured Hasan Ali out of SL Test series

LAHORE: Pakistan fast bowler Hasan Ali has been ruled out of next month's home Test series against Sri Lanka on fitness grounds.

"After fresh CT scans revealed cortical rib fractures, involving ninth rib on the right side and eighth and ninth ribs on the left side. The fractures will require up to six weeks to heal and he [Hasan] will start a rehabilitation process at the National Cricket Academy from Monday," the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said in an announcement on Friday.

Sri Lanka play a two-Test series in Pakistan, starting in Rawalpindi on Dec 11. The second Test will be staged in Karachi from Dec 19-23.

Right-armer Hasan, after passing fitness tests, had rejoined Central Punjab for their ninth-round Quaid-e-Azam Trophy fixture against Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Nov 22. However, prior to the match, the 25-year-old pacer complained of pain on his left side for which he underwent precautionary scans in Karachi that revealed fractures.

The fractures were confirmed in the follow-up scans that were carried out in Lahore.—Sports Reporter

India lead depleted Pakistan in Davis Cup tie

NUR SULTAN (Kazakhstan): Ramkumar Ramanathan and Sumit Nagal easily won their opening singles battles on Friday to give India a 2-0 lead over Pakistan in their Davis Cup clash which has been moved to neutral territory because of the archrivalry between the neighbours.

Ramanathan dispatched Mohammad Shoaib 6-0, 6-0 in 42 minutes in the first match in the Kazakhstan capital of Nur-Sultan.

Nagal then outplayed Huzaifa Abdul Rehman 6-0, 6-2 in one hour and four minutes.

India will travel to Croatia in March 2020 for the world group qualifiers if they win the best-of-five rubber.

The International Tennis Federation moved the Asia/Oceania Group I away from Islamabad because of India's security fears even though Pakistan opposed the decision.

Pakistan's top players Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi and Aqeel Khan pulled out of the tie in protest, giving teenagers Shoaib and Huzaifa their chance alongside Yousaf Khalil.

The match was also pushed back from September because of the security fears, as the two countries were wrangling over the disputed territory of Kashmir.

The nuclear-armed neighbours split angrily in 1947 after independence from Britain and have fought three wars since. Sport has also suffered badly.

India cut bilateral cricket ties with Pakistan after attacks in Mumbai in 2008 that authorities blamed on Pakistani militants.

India last played a Davis Cup tie in Pakistan in 1964, when they beat the hosts 4-0. Pakistan lost 3-2 when they played in Mumbai in 2006.—AFP

Latham hits ton before rain curtails first-day action

HAMILTON: New Zealand's Tom Latham managed to score his 11th Test century before heavy rain washed out the final session of the first day of the second and final Test against England at Seddon Park in Hamilton on Friday.

Jofra Archer bowled three deliveries of the 55th over with New Zealand unable to add to their tea score of 173-3 before rain swept across the area and ground staff rushed to cover the wicket block and parts of the outfield.

Umpires Kumar Dharmasena and Paul Wilson inspected the ground at 5:15pm (0415 GMT) and decided there was no further chance of play. The second day's play will resume 30 minutes early on Saturday at 10:30am (2130 GMT).

Latham was on 101, his fifth Test century in his last 10 innings, while Henry Nicholls was on five when players left the field.

"If I knew what it was I'd be trying to bottle that up as much as possible," Latham said about his run of form over the last two years. "It's just about trying to stick to a plan for long periods of time and that's probably what's given me success over the last year or so.

"I think sometimes you can get a little ahead of yourself and all of a sudden you're walking back to the pavilion."

England had chosen a five-pronged pace attack for the match with Chris Woakes coming in for left-arm spinner Jack Leach, although Ben Stokes appeared to suffer discomfort in his left knee while bowling and only managed two overs.

The team said it was unclear if he would bowl again in the innings.

"On day one of a Test match if you get a team six or seven down by the close you've probably had a pretty good day," said Woakes who took two of the three wickets to fall.

Instead England toiled for little reward, saw Ross Taylor benefit from a dubious decision during a century partnership with Latham and lost the use of Ben Stokes as a bowling weapon.

Despite having first use of a pitch that often gives bowlers some assistance on the first day, England wasted their chance to hammer home the opportunity that Stuart Broad and Woakes created by dismissing Jeet Raval and Kane Williamson in the first hour.

Raval (5) and Williamson (4) were both snapped up by Root in the slips before Taylor (53) and Latham combined for a 116-run partnership to drag their side back into the match.

Taylor was the only wicket to fall in the middle session when he was caught by Root on the ball after he brought up his 32nd Test half century.

Latham's 11th Test century was hardly chanceless but he rode his luck throughout the day.

England could have had a dream first session when Latham was given out lbw for 49 to Woakes in the final over before lunch only to have the decision overturned on review.

Latham continued to ride his luck after lunch when he was dropped at second slip by Stokes from an Archer delivery while on 66.

He also had a nervous wait on 79 after England reviewed an lbw appeal from Woakes that was initially turned down. Ball-tracking technology showed the ball had pitched outside leg.

Latham reached his century in the final over before tea when he danced down the wicket to Root and punched him down through mid-on for his 15th boundary.

New Zealand won the first match of the two-Test series at Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui by an innings and 65 runs.—Agencies



NEW ZEALAND opener Tom Latham avoids being run out in the second Test against England at Seddon Park.—Reuters

Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND (1st innings):
J.A. Raval c Root b Broad ... 5
T.W.M. Latham not out ... 101
K.S. Williamson c Root b Woakes ... 4
L.R.P.L. Taylor c Root b Woakes ... 53
H.M. Nicholls not out ... 5
EXTRAS (B-4, LB-1) ... 5
TOTAL (for three wkts, 54.3 overs) ... 173
FALL OF WKTS: 1-16, 2-39, 3-155.
TO BAT: B.J. Watling, D.J. Mitchell, M.J. Santner, T.G. Southee, M.J. Henry, N. Wagner.
BOWLING: (to date): Broad 14-5-33-1, Archer 13.3-3-31-0, Woakes 14-1-41-2, Curran 9-2-38-0, Root 2-0-11-0, Stokes 2-0-14-0.
ENGLAND: R.J. Burns, D.P. Sibley, J.L. Denly, J.E. Root, B.A. Stokes, Z. Crawley, O.J. Pope, S.M. Curran, C.R. Woakes, J.C. Archer, S.C.J. Broad.
UMPIRES: H.D.P.K. Dharmasena (Sri Lanka) and P. Wilson (Australia).
TV UMPIRE: B.N.J. Oxenford (Australia).
MATCH REFEREE: J. Srinath (India).

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Labuschagne, Warner punish Pakistan again in record stand

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NAB launches fresh probe into Fazaia housing scheme

Around 6,000 people have invested Rs13bn in the project

By Imran Ayub

KARACHI: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on Friday announced a fresh inquiry against the Fazaia Housing Scheme regarding "allegation of cheating over 6,000" people after scores of affected persons protested at its Karachi headquarters.

The people's protests went viral on social media and finally caught NAB's attention, which now officially showed determination "to complete the inquiry at a fast pace and hold accountable all the persons involved".

A brief statement issued by NAB-Karachi suggested that the move came from the top as authorities took notice of serious allegations against the scheme involving billions of rupees.

"The NAB-Karachi has requested the NAB chairman to initiate a fresh inquiry against the Fazaia Housing Scheme Karachi and others," said the statement. "In view of a huge number of affectees, who have invested a [huge] amount of Rs13 billion, the NAB chairman has been requested to initiate the fresh inquiry on allegation of cheating over 6,000 people. NAB is determined to complete the inquiry at a fast pace and hold accountable all the persons involved."

Though the NAB statement did not define "fast pace", a spokesman for the bureau later told *Dawn* that the anti-graft body had formally taken up the task and would treat it the same way it had been taking up other cases of corruption and misappropriation of public money using all required channels and processes.

"The inquiry has formally [been] initiated," he said. "We received a number of complaints from different individuals and also have gathered information on our own that convinced the authorities to launch a formal inquiry.

"The process is now open and we would take due course to complete the job. Under the defined rules, we invite or appeal to the people to cooperate with NAB to share any evidence or details relating to the inquiry."

Dozens of people, including women and children, staged a protest demonstration at the Fazaia Housing Scheme office earlier this month. The event was widely highlighted on social media and users shared the footage of the protest and interviews of the protesters.

In one of the videos, the protesters were seen exchanging words with a man in uniform who while trying to pacify them shared a few details with regard to the progress made so far.

"It is unfortunate that we got involved with wrong, untrustworthy and shameless people," he said while responding to the people's demand for refund of their money.

When asked for the refund, the uniformed official told the protesters in the video that "your money is currently in a joint account".

About the findings of any previous probe into the case since NAB claimed to have launched a 'fresh' inquiry, the spokesman said that the officials would consider every aspect while going through the process and make sure to protect people's interest and money.

Fazl asks ECP to decide foreign funding case to maintain its credibility

The JUI-F along with other opposition parties holds a demonstration outside the election commission's office

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Chief of his own faction of the Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam (JUI-F) Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Friday warned that the Election Commission of Pakistan would lose its credibility if it failed to decide the foreign funding case against the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf.

He reiterated his demand that "fair and transparent" elections be held as early as possible since it was the only solution to the recent crisis in the country.

Addressing a protest demonstration in front of the ECP office here, Maulana Fazl was seen to stand firm on his demand of removing the PTI government and announcement of early elections, calling it a consensus decision of all opposition parties which had recently met in Islamabad.

He said the protest in Karachi was also part of the same strategy devised by the opposition parties, which decided to organise joint protest rallies and public meetings at district level throughout the country as part of their ongoing anti-government campaign.

"After a series of blunders, this incompetent government has now made the appointment on the most important and sensitive post in the country [chief of the army staff] a joke," he said referring to the recent order of the Supreme Court that suspended the federal government's Aug 19 notification for extension/reappointment of Army Chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa for another three-year term after completion of his tenure on Nov 28.

A breather for the federal government, however, came after three days of heightened uncertainty when the Supreme Court allowed extension/reappointment of Gen Bajwa for another six months.

"The Supreme Court has ordered [the government] for all relevant legislation within six months in this regard. But my question is to the people of Pakistan that how can we allow this bunch of incompetent people [to make] any law on this important and sensitive subject?" thundered the JUI-F supremo.

"The need of early general elections has become more important following the recent episodes," he added.

He also urged the ECP to "meet the challenge and fulfil its responsibility" by completing the inquiry into the foreign funding case, which he said could set the future course of democracy and "throw out" incompetent and "unclean" people from mainstream politics.

"And let's submit with all respect and regard that if the Election Commission fails to complete its job [investigation into the foreign funding case], the people of Pakistan would lose their trust in one of the most key institutions of the country and it would lose all its credibility. It's not the demand of any individual or any party but it's the need of the hour to expose those elements that got illegal foreign funding to run a certain agenda," he added.

He said that his party wanted no relief for any individual but for each and every countryman, but this government could not provide it and that's why he wanted them to pack up.

The protest was also addressed by local leaders of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP), Jamiat Ulema-i-Pakistan Noorani and others.



MAULANA Fazlur Rehman addresses opposition activists outside the ECP Karachi office on Friday.—White Star

Surge in polio cases this year predictable, says expert

KARACHI: The surge in polio cases the country has seen this year was not entirely unpredictable given the fact that the environmental samples collected from across the country from March last year till now have shown presence of the polio virus in many districts.

Also, it is important to note that out of 91 polio cases that have surfaced so far, routine immunisation coverage was not found in 60 cases.

These points were highlighted by Dr Ali Faisal Saleem, paediatric infectious diseases specialist at the Aga Khan University (AKU), at a presser organised at the press club on Friday.

The event was organised by the Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Society of Pakistan (MMIDSP).

"While the country reported only 12 polio cases last year, the test results of sewage samples collected from 35 districts came out positive, suggesting that the situation could be bad this year," said Dr Saleem.

This year, 91 polio cases had been reported in the country, five times higher than last year. Of them, 66 were from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, most from Bannu district, whereas Sindh had 13 cases.

"The good news, however, is that we have been able to eliminate type two and type three strains of polio," he said.

Speaking about the challenges being faced in polio eradication, he regretted public misconceptions about the safety and efficacy of polio vaccine and contended one shouldn't have any ambiguity about the vaccine as other countries like Bangladesh and India used the same vaccine to eliminate the crippling disease.

Dr Saleem emphasised the need for strengthening the Expanded Programme for Immunisation and argued that success in the polio programme couldn't be achieved without enhancing the coverage of routine immunisation.

"Out of the 91 polio cases [that have] surfaced so far, 60 cases had no history of routine immunisation," he told journalists, adding that the government's commitments to the programme could be assessed from the fact that it's the first time that it was using its own funds on the cause.

Replying to another question about the negative report on Pakistan's polio programme by an international body, he said the government was engaging all stakeholders now and had set up committees in which all provinces had representation.

"All fears about the vaccine are unjustified and there is a strong need to create awareness and mobilise communities especially the educated segments of society showing hesitance and resistance towards the campaign," he said, adding that the government needed to focus on children being missed in campaigns.

Dr Fyezah Jahan, also from AKU, spoke about the safety of typhoid vaccine and approaching influenza season and said the new typhoid conjugate vaccine had an efficacy up to 80 per cent and provided long-lasting immunity.—Faiza Ilyas

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National championship of 15th *Dawn* Spelling Bee held

Around 8,100 participated in this year's competition in different age categories

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: When the going gets tough, the tough get going. That's how it was for the national finalists of the 15th *Dawn* in Education Spelling Bee competition at the Arts Council of Pakistan here on Friday.

The steps where various school teams used to sit, whispering among themselves as they discussed the spelling of the words given to them were all gone. In their place were tall stools on which the best of the best, the cream of spellers in the country were seated competing individually in the country's biggest inter-school spelling competition.

This year, there were 8,100 participants, who were gradually eliminated in the search for the spell masters in Pakistan in different age categories.

There were two main rounds in the finals.

The first round 'Choose your category' had four main categories to choose from such as 'Dawn', 'Animal world', 'Silent letters' and 'Geography'. There were words in each category. 'Dawn' had words picked from the newspaper, 'Animal world' had the names of various species from the animal kingdom, 'Geography' had plenty of names of countries, cities, rivers, etc. One was not allowed to choose a category more than two times.

Following the first round, there would be elimination rounds called 'To be or not to be', which were played between students who had tied.

The second round was the 'Rapid bee', which had negative marking. There was a minus two for each word spelt incorrectly. One could also pass twice but not more than that.



ONE of the young spellers in the spotlight at the Arts Council on Friday.—Fahim Siddiqi/White Star

The judges kept reminding the contestants not to be hasty when spelling out words during the 'Rapid bee' round. Yes, they would get more points for spelling out more words but in their haste they were eating the words and making it difficult for the judges to decipher what they were saying. Everything is recorded at the Spelling Bee and there were plenty of replays due to the children's at times unclear pronunciation.

Championship results

Age group: 15 to 17

National champion: Nail Khan — Roots IVY International School, Lahore.

1st runner-up: Aamna Ahmed — Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Karachi.

2nd runner-up: Eemaan Fatimah Humayun — Roots School System, Islamabad.

Age group: 12 to 14

National champion: Ozair Ahmed — EMS High School, Islamabad.

1st runner-up: Muhammad Taqaee — EMS High School, Islamabad.

2nd runner-up: Momina Nabeel Nawaz — Aitchison College, Lahore.

Age group: 9 to 11

National champion: Hashim Talal Malik — Roots Millennium Schools Abbottabad.

1st runner-up: Nael Ahmad Sheikh — Aitchison College, Lahore.

2nd runner-up: Umar Asif — Garrison Academy for Boys, Lahore.

Diplomats briefed on Sindh's investment potential

KARACHI: A group of 19 junior diplomats from 14 countries called on Chief Secretary Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah here on Friday at Chief Minister House.

The group is attending the 27th Junior Diplomatic Course at the Foreign Service Academy. The course participants are from Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Guinea, Iran, Madagascar, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Nepal, Nigeria, Palestine and Tunisia.

The chief secretary said that the investment environment in Sindh is turning conducive due to the steps taken by the Sindh government to restore law and order in the province. He further stated that Sindh is rich in natural resources of coal, wind corridor, coastal belt and the agricultural system.

"Sindh government is setting up many Special Economic Zones (SEZs)," he said. "In addition to these, we have given a free hand to the private sector to set up their own SEZs where the government will help in legal matters, land acquisition and provision of utilities."

Sindh's public private partnership is a successful model and the province is producing 660MW electricity from the Thar coal. He further stated that the provincial government has allocated Rs284 billion for roads, water and sanitation and other development projects of the province in the current financial year.

Briefing the participants regarding security situation of the province, Home Secretary Dr Mohammad Usman Chachar said that security situation in the province had much improved compared to 2013 when Karachi was in the list of six most dangerous cities of the world.— Staff Reporter

Schoolchildren observe 30th anniversary of Convention on the Rights of the Child

By Shazia Hasan

KARACHI: Children, teachers, activists, representatives from government departments gathered to celebrate 30 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) with the inauguration of an installation made by children on CRC called 'Celebrating 30 Years of CRC Through Our Hands & Ladders' organised by the Idara-i-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA) and the British Council on the latter's library premises here on Friday.

"From November 20, 1989 to November 20, 2019, it has been 30 years since the CRC was signed. Pakistan, in 1990, became the sixth country to ratify the convention," said Baela Raza Jamil, CEO of ITA. "It is good that Pakistan is a signatory to it but a lot has happened in these 30 years where this country has failed its children. For how long are we going to break our promises, our pledges to our children?"

She also asked that when indexes were made, where was Pakistan in the implementation of children's rights? "In 181 countries Pakistan is at 151st position so, obviously, there is a lot more to be done here. There is a need for building partnerships with civil society, schools and government departments in order to meet our goals," she pointed out.

She added that 54 articles of the convention cover all aspects of children's rights from their right to education to their right to good nutrition and parental care.

There were several school students present at the event wearing handmade crowns with a right pasted on it.

The installation displayed on the occasion had small posters mentioning children's rights made by schoolchildren that were then pasted on cloth. Bigger posters in frames in the middle were lined with impressions of little hands that had been laminated. "This kids' exhibition is a travelling one. We want the ideas shared here to go to all schools all over the country all year. It was displayed in Lahore on Nov 20 before it came to Karachi and it will be taken to Peshawar on December 10 following which it will be taken to other cities and regions so that the messages on it echo for all stakeholders to hear as they realise that they have a lot to do for children," she said.

Ahsan Azhar of the British Council said that they were also happy to be celebrating 30 years of CRC at their institution. "The British Council's work here is mostly related to the young population of Pakistan. Our main programmes are about spreading awareness among children and explaining why children need to be protected," he said.

Senior journalist Zubeida Mustafa said that she had specially come to celebrate the day with the children. "I want you all to always be happy as one does good work when one is happy. I also want you to stay hopeful. Never give up hope. And we your elders will always be here to watch over you and take good care of your needs," she said.

Actor Ahsan Khan, who is also a goodwill ambassador at the Children's Literature Festival, spoke about how the media can be used to spread messages of awareness. He said that they had tackled the sensitive issue of child abuse in their play *Udaari*, which was almost taken off air. "But we discuss such issues to make people understand that these things are happening and laws to protect children really need to be implemented. The media is the best way to educate people," he said.

Students from the TFS Schooling System put up performances to inform about harmful aspects of child labour. Senior Model School students read out some rights as part of their performance titled *'Aao hamaray haqooq suno — aur amal karo'* (Come listen to our rights and implement them). Dawood Public School students read out pledges followed by more pledges read out by responsible grownups such as Bushra Mirza of the education and literacy department of government of Sindh, Syed Farrukh Humayun Zaidi, joint director labour at the government of Sindh, Ameena Saiyid, Ishtiaq Qureshi of Sindh Education Foundation, activist and educationist Sadiqa Salahuddin, children's writer Amra Alam and Dr Ghazala Rafiq.

Asad calls for short, midterm options for city's water problems

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform and Special Initiatives Asad Umar on Friday emphasised the need for short and midterm options to ensure water supply for Karachi on an urgent basis.

The minister chaired a meeting convened to discuss the interventions aimed at addressing the water issue of the metropolis, said a statement issued by the ministry for planning, development and reform.

The current status of the K-IV water supply project was also reviewed during the meeting.

Planning Secretary Zafar Hasan, chairperson of the P&D Board Sindh Naheed S. Durrani and senior officials of the federal and provincial governments attended the meeting.

The minister said that the federal government would continue to work with the provincial government to resolve the issues of provision of clean drinking water to residents of Karachi and every possible help would be extended in this regard.

He added that a robust strategy was required to permanently resolve the issue of water shortage in the cosmopolitan city.

Ms Durrani gave a detailed account of the K-IV project and the Sindh government's efforts to take the scheme forward.

She said they were working on different options to increase the bulk water supply to the city so that its domestic as well as industrial requirements could be met.—APP

Mayor seeks 1pc of cess collected in Karachi for city

KARACHI: City Mayor Wasim Akhtar said on Friday that Karachi had the right to get one per cent cess from the revenue collected in the metropolis.

"Out of Rs300 billion collected revenue, the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation should be given an additional Rs3bn per annum in the head of cess", he said.

He said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Executive Dental Clinic established in the Karachi Medical and Dental College.

Metropolitan Commissioner Dr Syed Saif-ur-Rehman, senior director medical services Dr Salma Kausar, college principal Prof Dr Mahmood Haider, faculty members and students were also present.

The mayor said that the provincial government was not giving resources and powers to the municipal administration under the SLGA 2013, therefore he was now going to court because now all problems were resolved in courts only.

He said that the Sindh government was not interested in solving the problems of people. Mayor Akhtar said that Karachi was not getting funds in accordance with the law.— Staff Reporter

Sindh govt to grant paternity leave to fathers

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: In line with the police department, the Sindh government has begun applying 10-day paternity leave to its male employees as allowed through the Gazette of Pakistan 2019, it emerged on Friday.

Officials in the provincial government said the finance ministry had written to the authorities in the Sindh Secretariat and other related departments to allow for the 10-day paternity leave for its employees.

They added that the National Assembly had passed an 'extraordinary' bill enabling them to look after their expecting wives.

The bill guarantees leave along with full pay and allowances outside of employees' leave account, which was also allowed through the Gazette of Pakistan in January this year.

"The same leave has also come into force or notified or allowed in the Sindh police with effect from Feb 14, 2019 to all their officials/officers," said a communiqué by the finance ministry sent to the Sindh Secretariat.

Officials said the same had not been notified by the competent authority for the employees of the Sindh government or the secretariat employees.

However, officials added, the matters relating to the issue had been resolved and that facility would be given to all employees of the provincial government beginning with those working in the secretariat.

The federal government had approved the 10-day paternity leave for its male employees in January.

The ministry of human rights had said a clause had been added to the rules of the National Commission on the Status of Women for that.

The newly added clause says: "A male employee in regular service shall be allowed paternity leave for a period of 10 days with full pay and allowances outside his leave account from the date of his wife's confinement."

The Sindh Maternity Benefits Act, 2018, which applies to private, government and semi-government organisations, mandates 16 weeks of paid maternity leave to new mothers — four weeks prior to delivery and 12 weeks following childbirth.

Action against encroachments

KARACHI: The Sindh government has decided to take strict action against encroachments and lodge FIRs under anti-encroachment laws against encroachers. This was decided in a meeting chaired by chief secretary of Sindh Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah here on Friday.

The meeting was attended by senior member of Board of Revenue Qazi Shahid Pervez, commissioner of Karachi Iftikhar Shallwani, Additional IG Karachi Ghulam Nabi Memon, metropolitan commissioner Saif ur Rehman and others.

The participants in the meeting reviewed the ongoing activities against encroachments in the city.

The chief secretary lauded the role of police in the anti-encroachment drive.—Staff Reporter

A bug's life

By Peerzada Salman

KARACHI: They say the theatre is the only true actor's medium. It sounds right to a large extent because in film and television, actors can get away with subpar performances if the visual element in a production is used as the main motif. A few of Krzysztof Kieslowski's (highly recommended) films are proof of it: the camera acts as the soul of his protagonist.

The world of stage is a different ballgame, especially when the script heavily relies on the psychological, and not physical, features of characters. Tracy Letts' play *Bug*, whose Urdu version *Keera* directed by Mariya Saad was performed on Thursday at the National Academy of Performing Arts' (Napa) ongoing Young Directors' Festival, is one such example.

To be honest, perhaps the wisest thing that the director did to put up the show is the right casting. She managed to gather a bunch of actors who try and breathe life into whatever role they're asked to essay, and in the process was able to camouflage the underdeveloped tonality of the translation done by Mariya herself and Kiran Siddiqui.

Keera begins with Agnes (Shabana Hassan) sitting on the bed of the hotel room where she lives, abrasively answering the phone calls that she's getting. She's next seen with her friend Ronnie (Bazlah Mustafa) who talks to her about 'powder', a party and Peter Evans (Saad Fareedi), who has come with her into the hotel room. Peter, who is a bit unhinged, immediately takes a shine to Agnes. As the scene changes, the audience sees Jerry (Hammad Siddiqui) in the same room to the chagrin of Agnes. He is her exhusband who has come out of prison.

As the story moves along, it becomes clear that Peter is not a stable man. He sees bugs in the room and feels them in his body. During conversations it's revealed that he's a Gulf War veteran, super suspicious of how the American government and its agencies work. Soon Agnes, already reeling from the pain of her lost son, starts to believe, like him, that there are bugs in the room as well as in the system they exist in. The psychological facet to the plot is further unmasked when Dr Sweet (Naveed Kamal), who has earlier treated Peter, comes to take him back.



A SCENE from *Keera* staged at Napa.—White Star

Keera is a play that unfolds more in the minds of its characters faced with delusion and paranoia than on stage. And that's where the actors, especially Saad and Shabana, should be appreciated for going the extra mile with the text that had a terribly desi flavour to it — despite the fact that men and women in it are constantly giving references to things, names and places that are purely American. That being said, Mariya has directing potential.

Locusts ravage farmlands in more areas of Larkana

By Our Correspondent

LARKANA: After destroying near mature crops in Aghani and several other villages as well as a vast part of the adjoining katcha area a day earlier, a huge swarm of locusts on Friday turned to Keti Mumtaz, Sharifpur, Bhuttos' Estate and its surroundings again.

Reports from the affected areas suggested that the swarm swiftly and vigorously devoured the recently cultivated wheat crop in a big area and was still there to attack more areas.

In the absence of any measures or assistance from the government and an indifferent attitude being shown by local officials of the agriculture extension wing, growers and peasants were seen making desperate attempts to save their crops from the massive attack. They were mostly employing traditional methods like beating drums to make loud noise to scare away locusts and burning weeds, dry grass and junk to create smoke that could push the swarm away from their fields.

However, all their attempts have proved to be an exercise in futility so far. Some of the people said that such methods worked to the extent that the locusts would leave the targeted places just for a while.

The locusts' swarm has already inflicted heavy damage to the guava crop in a considerably vast area in the district. The produce was ready to be taken to market within a week's time.

The Sindh Chamber of Agriculture, Larkana chapter, warned that if no action was taken by the agriculture department, small growers who had taken loans for cultivation would not be able to pay off the loans or make two ends meet.

Suspect who led armed band to occupy Mirzas' lands arrested

By A Correspondent

BADIN: Basharat Zardari, who had allegedly led a band of around 150 armed men to take physical possession of the lands owned by former home minister Dr Zulfiqar Mirza and his family members on Nov 3, was arrested by the Pangrio police on Friday after the Sindh High Court, Hyderabad circuit, rejected his plea for the confirmation of his interim protective bail.

Zardari was nominated as the prime suspect in the FIR lodged by Afnan Ali Liskani, the manager of Mirza family's estate.

In the morning of Nov 3, the armed band dislodged caretakers of the lands owned by Federal Minister Dr Fehmida Mirza, her spouse and former Sindh home minister Zulfiqar Mirza and their children near Tando Bago. Police and Rangers personnel rushed to the site but did not take any action until midnight as the intruders claimed to have been in possession of the property's ownership documents. However, the intruders were escorted away as soon as their claim proved to be wrong.

Badin SSP Hassan Sardar Niazi supervised the safe retreat of intruders after getting an FIR lodged against them.

Basharat Zardari had obtained his pre-arrest bail from the high court the next day. The suspect was produced before Additional Sessions Judge at Matli, who ordered his arrest after which police took him into custody.



REVELLERS celebrating 'Sindhi Culture Day' unfurl a 200-yard Ajrak (traditional chador) at Al-Manzar recreation spot in Hyderabad on Friday.—Online

940 doctors will be appointed in public hospitals within a week, SHC told

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Secretary of the Sindh health department on Friday informed the Sindh High Court (SHC) that the appointment of over 940 medical officers would be made within a week in public hospitals of the province after the Sindh Public Service Commission (SPSC) said it had already sent recommendations to the health authorities.

The secretary in the progress report maintained that 302 doctors (BS-17) had been posted in their domicile districts and offer orders had been issued to 434 women medical officers and their posting orders would be issued in a week.

In the last hearing, a division bench of the SHC, while hearing a petition about the pathetic condition of government hospitals at the district level in Sindh, had directed the health department to file a progress report with regard to fresh appointment of doctors in the government hospitals and also put the SPSC on notice.

When the matter came up for hearing before the two-judge SHC bench headed by Justice Mohammad Ali Mazhar on Friday, an additional secretary filed the progress report on behalf of the secretary health and a law officer of the SPSC also came up with a statement to show that the recommendations had been sent to the health authorities for appointments of doctors in BS-17.

The SPSC submitted that the commission had conducted interviews of the candidates for the posts of medical officers, found 946 candidates fit and suitable for the posts and sent recommendations to the secretary health in October for their appointment.

The progress report said the health department had received recommendations of 946 medical officers and offer orders would be issued to the selected doctors within a week.

It further maintained that the health department had sent two requisitions for appointment of 1,783 medical officers (BS-17) and 499 special-cadre doctors (BS-18) to the SPSC while 54 applications for medical officers and 172 for special-cadre doctors were still pending.

The report contended that all the specialist-cadre doctors had been posted at their domicile districts against existing vacancies after completion of all formalities and 302 medical officers had also been posted in their native districts while offer orders had been issued to 434 women medical officers and their posting orders would be issued in a few days after completion of procedure.

The bench adjourned the hearing till Dec 18 as the petitioner sought time to go through the documents filed by the health department and SPSC.

Petitioner Shahab Usto advocate had filed a petition in 2015 and sought a probe into the high number of deaths of the victims of the bomb blast at an Imambargah in Shikarpur allegedly due to non-provision of timely medical assistance.

He had also sought directions for the provincial authorities for ensuring availability of specialist doctors, paramedical staff and treatment facilities in the public hospitals of each district of Sindh.

The petitioner also contended that the state of medical facilities was unsatisfactory at public hospitals across the province due to negligence on the part of the authorities concerned, adding that patients were dying due to the non-availability of doctors at public health facilities in the rural areas of the province as doctors were not willing to serve outside the urban centres.

He claimed that although the relevant authorities had been announcing the appointments of doctors at hospitals run by the provincial government, nothing had been practically achieved.

CMO-chairman row hampers civic services delivery in Mirpurkhas

By Qamaruddin Shaikh

MIRPURKHAS: A simmering row over powers between chief municipal officer and municipal committee chairman has seriously hampered civic services' delivery and put on hold all development works in eight union councils of the city over past two and a half years.

The row recently spilled out into the open when the CMO Shafique Ahmed Shah and Municipal Committee Mirpurkhas (MCM) chairman Kamran Shaikh locked horns over inauguration of a restaurant set up on the premises of old City Hotel on Friday.

Sources said that MCM chairman and vice chairman, who were both associated with Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan, were involved in the inauguration of the restaurant, which was considered illegal by the CMO.

The sources said that in 1998, the first and second floors of Municipal Complex were rented out at Rs500 to one Mohammad Iqbal, a resident of Hyderabad, but after some time the hotel was handed over to Israr Ahmed and Iftikhar Ahmed through forgery in official record.

The hotel premises had now been given to one Haji Malak Jan, who had changed its name to 'Delhi' and reportedly affixed at the entrance bogus date of inauguration of the hotel, said the sources.

A letter issued by the CMO to the four purported tenants of the hotel warned that they had committed forgery in official record and violated the rules, therefore, they were directed to stop their illegal activities at the Delhi restaurant immediately and appear in his office with official record on Dec 2 at 3pm, said the sources.

The letter addressed to tax superintendent said that since clerk Mohammad Yaqoob did not provide him official record of the defunct City Hotel, it strengthened doubts about forgery and tampering with official record still lying in MCM chairman's office.

He ordered that audit paras and all relevant record of the hotel be produced before him without any delay and all activities at the Delhi restaurant be stopped, said the sources.

The sources said that the simmering row between heads of two organs of the local government had seriously disturbed civic service delivery system and exposed the municipal authorities' efficiency.

The MCM chairman was not available for comments.

Seraiki writer urges policymakers to promote Pakistan as multicultural, multilingual state

By Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: Pakistan Seraiki Party chairperson Dr Nukhbah Taj Langah has urged policymakers to promote the country as a multicultural and multilingual federation and demanded Seraiki culture be accepted as a distinct and separate identity.

Dr Langah, who was also a senior teacher, said at a gathering organised by Khanabadosh Writers' Cafe here on Thursday evening that Seraiki was one of the acutely neglected languages in Pakistan.

She pointed out that people with "unaccepted" languages felt culturally and linguistically suffocated, which caused resistance.

In Seraiki poetry as well, resistance had not come about in a vacuum but it was triggered by bitter realities as reflected in the works of Safeer Lashari, Rifat Abbas and others.

Dr Langah, writer of books on Seraiki language and resistance literature, said that she was invited to literary festivals not as a speaker with a separate language but as one representing a dialect of Punjabi language because Seraiki was considered to be a dialect of Punjabi, which was not fair.

She said that Seraiki language and culture were struggling to be accepted as separate identity and quoted poetry of Safeer Lashari, which provided cultural and identity slogans to Seraiki movement.

She stressed the need for rediscovering Khawaja Fareed Aslam Ansari and other poets and said that to her, Ashiq Buzdar was good in contemporary Seraiki resistance poetry and quoted his famous line *Assan qaidi takhat Lahore de*. She explained many Seraiki terms which were used in her book *Postcolonial 'Ethnic' Resistance Literature*.



DR ARFANA Mallah and Dr Nukhbah Langah in the dialogue in Cafe Khanabadosh at Sindh Museum.—Online

Dr Arfana Mallah and Amar Sindhu of the café put many questions to the scholar about Seraiki people and culture.

Later, Dr Langah said during a meeting with Awami Tehreek president Sajjad Ahmed Chandio that land of Seraiki wasaib was being sold to launch mega projects in order to convert Seraiki community into a minority whereas oil and gas exploration companies did not offer jobs of even a peon to locals.

She said that entire election process had been held hostage and instead of common man's opinion thappa mafia had been thrust over the country.

She said that Imran Khan had taken a U-turn on Seraiki province as he had claimed that the province would be created in the first 100 days of his government. Like all past rulers, PTI had also betrayed Seraiki people, she said.

She said that Seraiki and Sindhi people enjoyed common cultural and nationalistic bonds and it would continue for centuries. Sindhi and Seraiki people could get their rights with unity.

Chandio told her that Seraiki people had always supported Sindhis in crucial times and both the communities had once launched a struggle from common platform of Pakistan Oppressed Nations' Movement.

Once again Sindhi, Seraiki, Baloch and Pakhtun should launch a unified struggle for their rights, he added.

He observed that resources of Sindhi and Seraiki people had been usurped in the name of federation. Hundreds of acres of land in Sindh had been handed over to Bahria Town, Defence Housing Authority and Zulfikarabad projects whereas Sindh was not being given its due share of water, he said.

He said that academic institutions were facing destruction while the poor were facing hunger and starvation and farmers were not getting adequate price for their produce.

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MOHATTA PALACE MUSEUM

CURRENT EXHIBITION

MAKLI:

SYMPHONIES IN STONE

A spectacular visual record of the tombs and mausolea at Makli, a world heritage site.

EVERY FRIDAY

There will be a guided tour for 12-16 year olds.

The history and motifs of Makli will be explained. Admission is free but advance booking is essential.

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Museum Timings:

Tuesday - Sunday

11:00 am - 6:00 pm

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For information please call 35837669, 35374879 mohattapalacemuseum@yahoo.com www.mohattapalacemuseum.com (10676V564)

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PEST CONTROL

ALI Fumigation (Pvt.) Ltd. termite fumigation, rats, rodent control, kitchen Gell treatment [illegible]

POSITION OPEN

ACCOUNTS

A PROGRESSIVE SECURITY COMPANY REQUIRES FEMALE ACCOUNTANT CUM COMPUTER OPERATOR [illegible]

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL AVAILABLE

CLIFTON

[illegible]

DEFENCE

[illegible]

RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

BATH ISLAND

[illegible]

CLIFTON

[illegible]

DEFENCE

[illegible]

DHA CITY

[illegible]

M.T KHAN ROAD

[illegible]

RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TO PURCHASE

DEFENCE

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DHA CITY

[illegible]

RUNNING BUSINESS FOR SALE

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GWADAR

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

OTHERS

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NOTICE FOR ADMISSIONS IN DOCTOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY & DOCTOR OF PHARMACY FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2019-2020

CORRIGENDUM

With reference to our above mentioned **ADMISSION NOTICE** published in this Newspaper of **Sunday, 17th November 2019**, the Candidates interested in Admitting to the above Programmes as well as all concerned are informed that the University has **REVISED** the **Admission Schedule** as per following details:

The **Last Date** for **Receiving** and **Submission** of **Application Form** is	**FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER 2019**
Dates of **Issuance** of **Admit Cards**	**12 to 14 DECEMBER 2019**
Date of **ENTRY TEST** will be	**SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2019**

Schedule of Admission activity is uploaded on **LUMHS** website i.e. **www.lumhs.edu.pk**

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DR. GHULAM MURTAZA DAYO

Registrar - **LUMHS** - Jamshoro

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Email: [illegible]

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR SHAHDADPUR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES SHAHDADPUR

NO: DIR./SIMS/SHD/[illegible] DATED: 25/11/19

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The sealed Tenders are invited from Manufacturers / Distributors Suppliers / Wholesellers having good reputation and sound financial position for Local purchase of Drugs / Medicines **10%** for the year **2019-20**.

The Blank Tender Documents can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned from **02-12-2019 to 17-12-2019** on payment of prescribed Tender fee in cash (non-refundable) as shown against each.

S.#	Description	Tender Fee
01	Drugs/Medicines	2000

The Tender should be accompanied with **2.5% pay order / demand draft** of quoted items as security deposit in the name of Director SIMS, Shahdadpur.

The firms are required to deposit their sealed tenders in the Office of the undersigned **on 18-12-2019 at 1:00 PM**. The Tender will be **opened at 2:00 PM** on the same day before the Purchasing Committee.

In case there is holiday, then the Tender will be opened on next working day.

The Chairman Purchasing Committee reserves the right to reject all or part of any bid subject to the relevant provision of **SPPRA Rules 2010**.

DIRECTOR

SIMS SHAHDADPUR

INF-KRY 5951/19 Say No to Corruption

IN THE COURT OF JUDGE ANTI-TERRORISM SHIKARPUR

NO. ATC/SHP/[illegible]/2019 SHIKARPUR Dated: 22-11-2019

Special Case No. 45/2019

State

Vs.

Noor Hassan & Others .... Accused

Crime No. [illegible]

[illegible]

WHEREAS, the accused (1) Noor Hassan s/o Jalal Badani Jatoi, [illegible]

AND WHEREAS, non-bailable warrant were issued by this Court for the arrest of above named accused, which have been returned unexecuted with report of police that the accused have absconded and they are not traceable.

NOW, THEREFORE, Proclamation u/s 87 Cr.P.C read with Section 19(10) of Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 is issued with direction to the above named accused persons to appear before this Court at Judicial Complex District & Sessions Court Shikarpur within seven days after publication of this notice, failing which the case will be proceeded in their absence.

GIVEN under my hand & seal of this Court, this 22nd day of November, 2019.

I/C JUDGE

Anti-Terrorism Court Shikarpur

INF-KRY No. 5948/19 Say No to Corruption

NED UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

NO: DR (Estab)-II/Pers No. 2205/[illegible] DATED 15.11.2019

Syed Athar Hussain

Lab. Attendant, H # CAB-26, Alfalah Society

Dept. of Material Engg. Shah Faisal Colony, Karachi.

FINAL SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

You were served with Show Cause Notice under this University letter No. DR (Estab)-II/Pers No. 2205/9529 Dated 19-09-2019 on account of misconduct i.e. unauthorizedly absent from duty with effect from 27.07.2019.

However, you have failed to reply aforesaid Show Cause Notice in stipulated time and continually absent from duty without any information.

You were served with Final Show Cause Notice under this University letter No. DR(Estab)-II/Pers No. 2205/9042 Dated 11.10.2019 but no reply received from you.

Now, you are hereby served with the Final Show Cause Notice that as to why major penalty of removal from service or some lesser penalty should not be imposed upon you in accordance with NED University Employees Efficiency & Discipline Statutes, 1990 (as amended).

Your response to the above cited notice must reach in this office within a period of fourteen days from the date of issuance of this notice.

In case you fail to submit your reply within the specified time, it will be presumed that you have nothing to say in your defence and your case shall be proceed ex parte.

Please also let us know if you desire to be heard in person.

REGISTRAR

INF-KRY No. 5964/19 Say No to Corruption

TENDER FOR AUCTION

It is advertised through publication that the auction of the following different Dry wood trees of PTC Shahdadpur will be held on **10.12.2019** at **1000 Hrs** in the office of SSP / Principal, Police Training College Shahdadpur. The desired contractors can be participated in said auction.

S.No.	Name of Dry Wood Trees	Quantity
1.	Sarie	10 Nos.
2.	Neem	22 Nos.
3.	Toot	05 Nos.
4.	U-Clips	10 Nos.
5.	Sali	16 Nos.
6.	Pipal	02 Nos.
7.	Mango	27 Nos.
8.	Amrood	02 Nos.
9.	Sunbul	01 No.
10.	Kikar	05 Nos.
11.	Jaman	02 Nos.
	TOTAL	112 Nos.

1. Every participate will pay Rs. 10000/- as security deposit, which will be re-funded.
2. The highest bidder / contractor will pay 100% amount of bid in advance.
3. It will be responsibility of the bidder to bear expenses related to cut of trees, labour, loading, transportation etc.
4. The Competent authority shall have right to terminate the contract without prior notice.

(KARAMULLAH SOOMRO) PSP,

SSP / PRINCIPAL,

POLICE TRAINING COLLEGE, SHAHDADPUR

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INF-KRY No. 5962/19

Program Management and Implementation Unit

SINDH BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY DEPARTMENT

Government of Sindh

[illegible]

CORRIGENDUM

Reference: [illegible]

[illegible]

Senior Procurement Specialist

INF-KRY No. 5957/19 Say No to Corruption

SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK A3100

				2				
				6	1			3
8		5	9				2	
2		9				3		
6			1			8	7	4
1				3				2
		1		4				7
7						9	1	
	3		5	1		2		

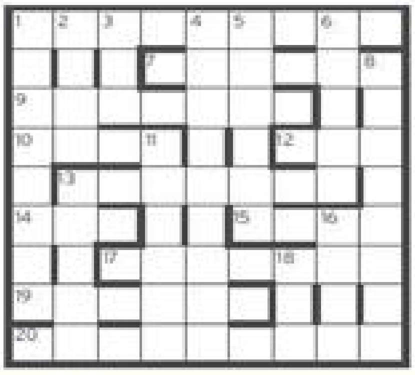
TRICKY B3100

			5			8		
		2	4		7			5
		8		9		6		7
	1							
3		7	6				8	
6	7			8	9		4	
	8		1	2			5	6

To solve the puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Created by Peter Ritmeester presented by BB Flora (C) PZZL.com

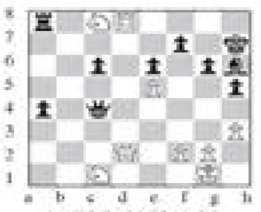
CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Easily angered (9)
7 Heavy cloth (6)
9 Quite old (7)
10 Agents (4)
12 That woman (3)
13 Mates (7)
14 Deity (3)
15 Lodgings (4)
17 Facts and figures (7)
19 Light doughy cakes (6)
20 Ruined (9)

DOWN
1 Neon, for example (5,3)
2 Govern (4)
3 In addition to (3)
4 Person skilled in woodwork (9)
5 Away from the sea (6)
6 Narrow country roads (5)
8 Emphasised (8)
11 Utterly quiet (6)
13 Power (5)
16 Adhesive (4)
18 Freezing or very cold (3)

CHESS



WHITE FORCES MATE
HINT: Sacrifice and mate.

Solution:
1. Bxh7+ Kxh7 2. Qxh5+ Kg8 3. Ne7 mate

TARGET

A	C	I
E	B	L
N	M	A

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET
Good 13;
Very good 20;
Excellent 27 (or more).
Solution Monday

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

RECURRENT cent centre cert cruet current curt cute cuter enter erect neuter recent RECURRENT rent renter rete return returner runt teen tenure tern tree truce true truer tune tuner tureen turn turner uneter

THE METRO FUNNIES

The GAMBOLS



BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE



THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES



HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, [illegible]
CPLC	[illegible]
Fire Brigade	16, [illegible]
Bomb Disposal	[illegible]
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	[illegible]
PIA Inquiry	[illegible]
Flight Inquiry	114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	[illegible]
Civil Hospital	[illegible]
Jinnah Hospital	[illegible]
NICVD	[illegible]
Aga Khan Hospital	[illegible]
Indus Hospital	[illegible]
Tabba	[illegible]
Ziauddin Hospital	[illegible]
Kiran Cancer Hospital	[illegible]
Liaquat National	[illegible]
Memon Medical	[illegible]
A.O. Clinic	[illegible]
Baqai Hospital	[illegible]
Holy Family Hospital	[illegible]
Patel Hospital	[illegible]
South City Hospital	[illegible]
Kidney Centre Institute	[illegible]
Kuwaiti Hospital	[illegible]
Usman Memorial	[illegible]

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, [illegible]
Chhipa	1020
Aman	1021
St John	[illegible]
Red Crescent	[illegible]

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	[illegible]
Husaini	[illegible]
PMA (Civil)	[illegible]

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Savo

▼ TODAY'S WORD
PATHETIC

(PATHETIC: puh-THET-ik: Sad; pitifully inferior or inadequate.)

Average mark 29 words
Time limit 40 minutes

Can you find 40 or more words in PATHETIC?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — IMPOUNDS

mind, minus, miso, mound, pious, podium, pond, pound, odium, onus, opus, undo, updo, upon, nudism, dump, snip, sodium, sound, soup, spin, spud, spumoni, spun, sumo, sump

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS
1 Carriage
7 Unlike
9 Pink
10 All
11 Bakery
13 Orchestra
15 Catnap
17 Ran
18 Papa
19 Doomed
20 Remnant

DOWN
1 Cupboards
2 Aviary
3 Rank
4 Increases
5 Ally
6 Giant
7 Tell apart
12 Draper
14 Canoe
15 Coma
16 Nape

WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:36pm	05:02pm	05:40pm	05:01pm	05:07pm	05:37pm
Sunrise	06:54am	06:51am	06:59am	06:42am	06:59am	07:06am

Karachi

Yesterday: Mostly clear. Low 16°C. Winds NE at 10 to 15 km.
Today: Fair. High 27°C. Winds light and variable. Humidity 22%.
Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 16°C. Winds NE at 10 to 15 km.
Tomorrow: Sunny. High 26°C. Winds NE at 15 to 30 km.

Three Day Forecast

	Today			Humidity%	Tomorrow			Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook		Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	[illegible]	24	Sunny	[illegible]	[illegible]	24	Sunny	[illegible]	24	Sunny
Hyderabad	12	27	Sunny	[illegible]	12	26	Sunny	12	27	Sunny
Islamabad	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sunny	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sunny	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sunny
Lahore	[illegible]	22	Sunny	[illegible]	[illegible]	22	Sunny	[illegible]	22	Sunny
Multan	[illegible]	24	Sunny	[illegible]	[illegible]	25	Sunny	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sunny
Peshawar	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sunny	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sunny	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sunny
Quetta	2	15	Sunny	[illegible]	1	15	Sunny	2	15	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HOROSCOPE

By Jacqueline Bigar

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** A friend has great ideas and invites you along on an excursion he or she has cooked up. You might not believe how free you can feel as you wander through various places, chatting away. Tonight: A late dinner.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

**** You start to see your limitations differently. You might be ready to toss several of these self-imposed restrictions. An older relative or boss asks you to join him or her for part of the day. You could be surprised by what happens. Tonight: A force to behold.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

**** Do not hesitate to reach out for more of what you desire. Someone at a distance expresses delight at hearing from you. Suddenly, you could be making plans to meet each other halfway. Tonight: You have a sudden realization.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

**** One-on-one relating takes you down a new path that you had not even planned to explore. If you feel that you would like to back out, do so. The other party might understand your trepidation. Tonight: A friend could derail your plans.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

**** Touch base with an older or livelier friend. When you get together with this person, you appear to forget your issues. Someone in your life demonstrates more and more instability, which can shake you up. Tonight: Let the other party make the first move.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

*** You have a lot to do, but you enjoy much of what you have planned. Whether at the gym, enjoying a massage or indulging in a favorite sport, you have a good time. Be willing to switch gears quickly. Tonight: Try a new spot.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** One-on-one relating could take you down an intriguing path. You might not be able to back out once you get going. Try not to be as serious or intense as you can be. You draw better results when you smile. Tonight: Play the night away.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

*** Your family or immediate circle might demand more attention than you would like to give. Invest more time with loved ones. That closeness cannot be replaced. Proceed with a smile knowing where you have chosen to go. Tonight: Stay centered.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** Do not stand on ceremony. Pick up the phone and share some of your thoughts. You have a lot of ground to cover. You might not be able to imagine how busy or popular you will be. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

*** You might not want to have a discussion just yet. You have the power to end a chat graciously at any given time. Your fluency and kindness charm many people. Curb wild spending. Try to stick to your budget. Tonight: Make dinner memorable.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

**** You get going slowly but feel great by midday. You have charisma and energy working with you this afternoon and evening. Pursue exactly what you want. Lighten up about a hassle. Tonight: As you like.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

*** Keep a low profile. You might need some personal time to address and write your Christmas cards. Some of you might also need some downtime. Take a nap if you desire. Tonight: Where you are is where the party is happening.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz
By Steve Becker

A military scenario

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 7 4 2
♥ K 6 5 4
♦ 9 5 2
♣ Q 8

WEST
♠ Q 10 8
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ J 6
♣ A K 10 2

EAST
♠ 6
♥ 9
♦ Q 10 8 7 3
♣ J 7 6 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A J 9 5 3
♥ A Q 7 2
♦ A K 4
♣ 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Like a general on the field of battle, a declarer has 26 soldiers at his command, and if he deploys them with maximum efficiency, he can usually achieve everything it is possible to achieve.

Consider this deal where South was in four spades. West led the club king and continued with the ace, ruffed by the South. Ordinarily, declarer would have made 10 or 11 tricks, losing a club, a diamond and perhaps a spade or a heart (but probably not both).

However, when declarer played the K-A of spades, he discovered he had a sure trump loser, and when he next played the A-K of hearts, he found out he had a heart loser as well.

Unfazed by these developments, South proceeded to make the contract anyway. Having learned that West had exactly three spades and four hearts, declarer realized there was a good chance West could be endplayed. So at trick seven, South conceded a trump to West's queen, and West made the normal return of the jack of hearts.

South took the heart with the queen, cashed his A-K of diamonds and then led the seven of hearts to West's ten. West's last two cards were the 10-2 of clubs, so he was forced to yield a ruff-and-discard, and with it, the contract. (Alternatively, South could have led the four of diamonds instead of a heart at trick 11, forcing East to yield the ruff-and-discard.)

The hand demonstrates how a declarer can sometimes overcome one or more unexpected bad breaks. South started as a heavy favorite to avoid either a trump or a heart loser, but both those hopes were dashed early in the play. Undaunted, he then marshaled his forces to bring home the contract.

Tomorrow: A killing defensive maneuver

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A3099

4	3	8	1	2	7	9	6	5
2	5	6	9	8	3	4	7	1
1	7	9	5	6	4	2	3	8
3	4	5	8	7	6	1	2	9
7	6	2	4	1	9	8	5	3
8	9	1	2	3	5	7	4	6
9	1	3	7	5	2	6	8	4
5	2	4	6	9	8	3	1	7
6	8	7	3	4	1	5	9	2

Tricky — B3099

3	2	9	1	4	7	8	6	5
6	1	5	2	8	9	7	4	3
4	8	7	6	5	3	1	2	9
2	7	4	8	9	6	5	3	1
1	9	3	4	2	5	6	8	7
5	6	8	3	7	1	2	9	4
9	4	6	5	1	2	3	7	8
7	3	1	9	6	8	4	5	2
8	5	2	7	3	4	9	1	6

DAWN

ISLAMABAD Saturday, November 30, 2019

METRO North

ISLAMABAD

Sunset	05:02pm
Sunrise (Tomorrow)	06:51am

NEXT 24 HRS

Minimum	07°C
Maximum	26°C
Outlook	Sunny



Labuschagne, Warner punish Pakistan again in record stand

Pg.22 SPORT



CHINESE artists perform during the Mega Musical Night at the Sir Syed Memorial in Islamabad on Thursday night. — Online

Islamabad's metro bus service remains an unfinished project

An amount of Rs4 billion is required to complete the remaining work

By Syed Irfan Raza

ISLAMABAD: Travelling on Kashmir Highway, one can see the 'abandoned' metro bus tracks and stations along the route, raising questions about the fate of the Islamabad Metro Bus Project (IMBP) that was planned to be completed in November 2017.

The project, launched by the PML-N government, speaks volumes about the faulty planning of departments concerned. The delay is not only wearing out the standing structures but adding to its cost.

Almost 60pc of the project was completed one-and-a-half years ago when the last government's tenure ended.

The contractors continued the work on their own and only stopped when the PTI government lost interest in the project. The remaining work now needs another Rs4 billion to be completed.

The PTI-led government released funds in October this year but the amount was insufficient to meet the demand and liabilities. Purchase of buses and setting up of an authority to run the service would take another six months to a year.

As a result of nonpayment of dues, the contractors [of four sections of the project] stopped work and their sub-contractors and labourers left the site of IMBP.

The NHA officials said at least Rs4 billion were required to complete the project but extra funds would be needed to purchase the buses.

The estimated/project cost of the 26km-long metro project (from Peshawar Mor to the new airport) was over Rs18 billion but it is believed that it will be completed at the cost of Rs14 billion, saving Rs4 billion. The project has eight stations - seven on the main route and one at the airport.



A METRO bus station along Kashmir Highway in Islamabad. — Photo by the writer

According to official figures, 90pc work on Package-I (8km) of the project has been completed while Package-II (3.8km) is 85pc complete, and Package-III (8.3km) and Package-IV (5.4km) are almost complete.

"We have been seeing the completed structure of the metro bus project for more than a year and it is deteriorating due to the harsh weather," said Asif Ali, a resident of G-13, who travels on Kashmir Highway daily.

Another commuter, Mehmood Ahmed, said his children often asked him as to when the metro project will be completed.

When contacted, Communication Secretary Jawwad Rafique Malik told *Dawn* that paucity of funds was the main cause of the delay in the project's completion. He, however, said the government had assured them that it would soon provide the required funds.

Many attempts were made to contact NHA Chairman Sikandar Qayyum but he was reluctant to meet and referred the matter to another official of the authority.

An insider said there were some flaws in the project as no station was made in package-IV from the Motorway to the new airport, whereas under the project, one station has to be established after a distance of 1km.

He said so far no plan has been made to purchase buses and what subsidy should the government bear to run the project.

It has also been observed that due to shifting of Islamabad International Airport near to Fatehjang, the volume of traffic on Kashmir Highway has increased manifold and under this situation the metro service getting functional had become imperative to reduce traffic load on the main artery.

"We can complete the project (infrastructure work, track and stations) in four months if the government releases the required funds today," IMBP project director Javed Bajrani said.

He agreed that under the instruction of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif the project was to be completed in Nov 2017 and said the deadline was not implementable as the project should have been completed in mid 2018.

He said 90pc of the project was completed and some equipment like elevators required to be imported from Spain to install into the metro stations.

The official, however, claimed that work that was completed has not been affected due to the delay.

"The work already completed has suffered no damage," he added.

He said Rs4 billion were required to complete the project and the liabilities of NHA including payments to contractors had gone up to Rs2 billion. "The cost of the project will not escalate as we have saved almost Rs4 billion," he added.

Asked why no station has been constructed in the fourth package from Motorway to the new airport, Mr Bajrani said population in that particular area was low which was why there was no need to build stations there.

Talking about buses, the official said buses were not his subject and he could not comment on it. Interestingly, the authorities concerned have not decided who will run the service.

The authorities concerned are said to be in a fix as to how the bus service will be run after the Capital Development Authority, National Highway Authority (NHA) and Punjab Masstransit Authority (PMTA) refused to ply the buses. Earlier, it was expected that PMTA would run the new service in the capital but when it refused, the CDA and NHA were asked to take the responsibility.

Five police officials booked on charge of killing ex-councillor

By Mohammad Asghar

RAWALPINDI: Five police officials were on Friday booked and two of them arrested for their alleged involvement in the killing of a former councillor in Kallar Syedan on Thursday night.

SHO Kallar Syedan has been suspended.

Habibur Rehman in his complaint said he and his brother-in-law Waheed Amjad, a former councillor, were returning to their native town in separate cars when a police team signaled Amjad to stop near Bank Chowk at about 10:30pm on Thursday.

He said Amjad stopped his car ahead of the police team and he (Habib) also stopped behind him. He said when he got out of his car, one of the police officials, whose name could be read as ASI Taqdees Akhtar, used abusive language against Amjad and was responded in the same way by the latter. In retaliation, Taqdees took a semi-machinegun (SMG) from his colleague and shot Amjad, who was on the driving seat.

He said Amjad was seriously injured and he shifted him to his car and drove him to a local hospital from where he was referred to the DHQ Rawalpindi where he died.

Mr Habib identified the other police officials as ASI Imran Khalid, constables Habib Akhtar, Azhar Mehmood and Atif Shahzad.

Soon after the injured person was shifted to hospital, the suspected police officials registered an FIR against him on the charges of attempt to kill and preventing a public servant from discharging his duty.

But after registration of a murder case on the complaint of Mr Habib, the city police officer suspended the five policemen while two of them - ASI Imran Khalid and constable Habib Akhtar - were arrested. Raids were underway to arrest the other suspects.

When the body of the victim was on Friday morning handed over to his heirs in Sahote village, they put it on the Pindi-Kallar Road demanding arrest of the suspects. Till filing of this report, the road remained blocked.

Gas shortage in Pindi, Islamabad

RAWALPINDI: Wit drop in temperature, Rawalpindi and Islamabad residents have started facing low gas pressure.

Mohammad Akbar, a resident of Nayyar Colony on Ch. Bostan Khan Road, said after light rain, gas pressure decreased significantly in many parts of the city. He said people have to rely on LPG cylinders.

Raja Abbas, a resident of Chaklala Scheme-III, said gas had vanished with the start of winter.

"It has been a routine for the last one decade that gas is not available in winter and electricity in summer. We have to make alternative arrangements. The government has increased the tariff but failed to improve the supply," he said.

Yasir Ali, a resident of Media Town, said he had been facing shortage with regular intervals for one week.

When contacted, MNA Sheikh Rashid Shafique said the PTI government was working to improve gas pressure and a new supply line was being laid in Dhoke Munshi and Rehmatabad.

On the other hand, a senior SNGPL official said demand for gas increased after light rain as people turned on heaters. He said new lines were being laid in many areas. — Staff Reporter

Up to 1,500pc increase made in fines for highway traffic rules violations

Driver jumping a red light will have to pay a fine of Rs5,000 on national highway and motorway

By Munawer Azeem

ISLAMABAD: The government has announced a massive increase of up to 1,500pc in traffic rules violation fines on national highways and motorway across the country.

The fine was increased after an amendment to the 12th Schedule of National Highways Safety Ordinance 2000. A notification issued by the government said the amendment was made after consultations with the motorway police.

Earlier, the fine over exceeding speed limit by less than 40 kilometres per hour was R750 but after the amendment this fine for motorcycles was increased to Rs1,500, cars Rs2,500, public service vehicles Rs10,000 and heavy traffic vehicles Rs5,000.

The fine carrying passenger in public service vehicles by less than 10 per cent excess of the permissible limit was increased to Rs5,000 from Rs1,500. The fine regarding failure to

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observe traffic signals was also increased. The fine for violation of amber flashing is increased to Rs1,000 from Rs200, red flashing to Rs2,000 from Rs200 and red light increased to Rs5,000 from Rs300.

The fine for carrying goods by less than 15pc in excess of the permissible load has been increased to Rs10,000 from Rs1,000. The fine for overtaking where prohibited increased according to a category of vehicles. Earlier, this fine was Rs300 only which has now been increased for motorcycles, cars and light transport vehicles to Rs1,500 and for HTV and PSV to Rs3,000.

Failure to yield right of way to other vehicles would be punishable with a fine of Rs1,000, which was earlier Rs300, while a driver found interfering with an emergency vehicle would be fined Rs5,000 against the earlier fine of Rs500.

Earlier, a Rs500 fine was imposed on overloading in excess of the restriction of dimension of goods and after the amendment it increased to Rs10,000. The amount of fine for driving at night without proper lights has been increased from Rs1,000 to Rs5,000.

The fine for driving on the wrong side of the road was increased from Rs500 to Rs2,500 while the fine for disobeying a stop sign increased to Rs3,000 from Rs500.

The amount of fine for improper crossing of a railway track was increased to Rs1,000 from Rs300 while it increased to Rs1,000 from Rs300 for following too closely or cutting in too sharply.

The fine over driving with the rear screen partially fully covered increased to Rs750 against the earlier Rs150 and Rs300 over fully covered screen.

The fine over using turn indicators for any purpose other than those prescribed was increased from Rs300 to Rs750.

Fines over plying where prohibited and obstructing traffic were increased to Rs2,000 from Rs500 while improper loading of goods fine was increased to Rs1,000 from Rs500.

The fine over failure to observe a slow sign was increased to Rs2,000 from Rs200 while driving a motorcycle without safety helmet, failure to stop for a school bus, failure to protect beginner drivers, open door dangerously and using horn in silence zone were increased to Rs1,000 from Rs200.

The fine over failure to yield right of way to pedestrians was increased to Rs2,000 from Rs300.

Careless driving fine was also increased and vehicles were categorised under the head. This fine was increased from Rs300 to Rs1,500 for motorcycles, cars and LTV and Rs5,000 for PSV and HTV.

The fine over driving without a driving licence increased from Rs750 to Rs5,000 for motorcycles, cars and LTV and Rs10,000 for PSV and HTV.

The fine amount over driving an unregistered vehicle was also increased from Rs500 to Rs2,000 for motorcycles, cars and LTV and Rs5,000 from PSV and HTV. The fine amount over carrying passengers in dangerous position in a transport vehicle was also increased from Rs750 to Rs5,000.

Fine over improper turn (turn from wrong lane) was also increased to Rs2,500 from Rs300 while the fine over improper lane usage was increased to Rs1,000 for motorcycles, cars and LTV and Rs5,00 for PSV and HTV from Rs200.

The fine over driving vehicles emitting smoke, visible vapours, grit, sparks ashes or oily substance was increased to Rs1,250 for cars and LTV and Rs3,000 for PSV and HTV from Rs500.

The fine over driving vehicles producing unduly harsh, shrill, loud or alarming noise was also increased to Rs750 for motorcycle and cars, Rs1,000 for LTV and Rs2,000 for PSV and HTV from Rs300.

A fine of Rs5,000 was introduced over wheeling and Rs3,000 over overloading of goods not falling within maximum limits prescribed in the 6th Schedule.

The fine over parking on a sidewalk, less than 0.5 metre from another car, less than three metres from a fire hydrant, less than 10 metres from a stop sign, parking on a bus stop, on a road pavement outside municipal limit, on a footpath, on or near the brow of a hill and on grass verge was increased to Rs750 from Rs200.

The fine over parking on a zebra crossing, less than 10 metres from an intersection, in a no-parking zone, in front of an entrance to premises and on a bridge was increased to Rs750 from Rs300.

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Ceremony

The European Union Delegation to Pakistan is organising the **opening ceremony** of the **5th edition of Human Rights Reel Film Festival and screening of a documentary *A Dark Place* followed** by a panel discussion with eminent experts on human rights on **Sunday**, Dec 1 at **Pakistan National Council of the Arts** at **5pm**.



A YOUNGSTER rides his cycle near the Chand Tara monument near Lok Virsa in Islamabad. — Photo by Mohammad Asim

IHC seeks report on implementation of PSB's regulations

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Friday sought a report from Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) regarding implementation of the board's regulations.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani directed the acting director general PSB to submit the report in 10 days.

The court expressed displeasure over the way the government was running the PSB on an ad hoc basis. For over two years, the sports board has been without a head and is being looked after by joint secretaries of the Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination (IPC) as the acting director general.

Justice Kayani was hearing a petition filed by PSB Deputy Director General Mansoor Ahmed Khan seeking his appointment as the director general of the board.

His counsel told the court that the law ministry had approved regulations for the sports board and the latter has submitted the regulations to the Supreme Court.

He said under the law the senior-most deputy director general may be appointed as the DG but the government has issued a tailor-made advertisement in order to deprive his client of his legal right.

But PSB's counsel argued that due to the ongoing restructuring process in the board the competent authority had approved publication of the advertisement against the vacant post of the DG.

When the court inquired about the secretary IPC's stance, the counsel told the court that he was on leave and had proceeded abroad.

The court adjourned the hearing till a date to be fixed by the registrar office. — Staff Reporter

People of India-held Kashmir asked to remain steadfast in their struggle

By Our Staff Reporter

RAWALPINDI: Eminent scholar and Rector International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) Prof Dr Masoom Yasinzai has urged the besieged people of India-held Kashmir to remain steadfast and never give up their struggle for independence of Kashmir.

"Never give up hope and continue struggle is the message of Maulana Rumi, who is revered among people of both East and the West for his wisdom. For the last four months, people of Kashmir are besieged and facing oppression but if they continue struggle for independence and right to self-determination, days are not far when India would be compelled to leave the held valley," Prof Yasinzai said while speaking at the launching ceremony of a thematic calendar on poetry and wisdom of Maulana Rumi at a local hotel on Friday.

The thematic calendar, *Danish-i-Rumi* (the endless wisdom of Rumi) has been prepared by Jahan-i-Masiha Adbi Forum.

Prof Yasinzai said though Maulana Rumi was a man of peace and love, he was also an advocate for human dignity and advised oppressed people of the world to continue their struggle until they are liberated from the clutches of slavery and dominance of others.

"And here the message of Rumi for India is that it must do justice with people of Kashmir and treat them humanely. The message for people of Pakistan is not to show desperation and continue supporting and struggling for the help of their Kashmiri brethren," he said, adding Pakistanis were the most talented nation who could do wonders in the world.

He said there were 56 million youngsters who were equipped with most power communication tool of social media, and urged the Pakistani youth to use this medium to approach the world and start lobbying for the people of Kashmir and other oppressed nations.

"Pakistani youth with their talent and wisdom can expose India without getting violent. They need to tell the world that they are from a peaceful nation that loves and preaches peace but never gives up its struggle for its rights and never compromises on its dignity," he added.

Eminent Persian scholar and writer Arif Noshahi spoke about Maulana Rumi's life and his powerful message that has inspired millions in the world, saying there is an immense need to learn Persian language to better understand Rumi, Shaikh Saadi, Hafiz Sherazi and several other great thinkers and philosophers who wrote poetry and prose in the Persian which was once the official language in South Asia.

"As most of people don't know Persian language and some of them don't even have command on Urdu language in Pakistan, they try to understand Persian scholars and philosophers through English translations. In order to understand our shared ancestral treasure, we would have to learn both Urdu and Persian language," Dr Noshahi said.

He said Pakistanis could easily learn and understand Persian within six to eight months, adding technology especially mobile phone apps could help understanding and learning the language.

Highlighting the literary importance of Rumi's letters, he said Rumi emphasised upholding family values, rights of women and children, dignity of work, and most importantly, human relations irrespective of religion or race.

Syed Jamshaid Ahmed, one of the office-bearers of Jahan-i-Masiha Adbi Forum, said they were preparing thematic calendars for the last 19 years on different topics and this year they selected the key messages from the Masnavi of Maulana Rumi.

One of Rumi's messages is that a human being is not an insignificant creature and that every person has a unique importance in this universe, he added. "Maulana Rumi also advised people to be happy and content in both good and bad days."

Traders protest against robberies

TAXILA: Shopkeepers and traders on Friday block intercity Timber Market road to register their protest against growing robberies and police inaction.

In a recent incident, four armed men wearing masks entered a bakery and held shopkeeper and five customers at gunpoint, depriving them of cash and valuables and fled.

Soon after the incident, traders of the area staged a protest on Timber Market Road to register their protest against the incident rendering all types of traffic stranded on the route.

They were of the view that it was the fifth robbery in the area but police had failed to trace a single incident.

The protesting traders were of the view that armed robberies are a routine and police were playing as silent spectators.

Later, SHO Sub Inspector Sohail Zaffar visited the crime scene and convinced the protesting traders to call off strike. — Correspondent

Two suspects arrested in murder case

By Our Correspondent

TAXILA: Police on Friday arrested two persons suspected of killing a woman and burying her body in a well located in Lowar Sharbo, an area in the limits of Wah Saddar police station.

Investigating officer Sub Inspector Mohammed Mumtaz told newsmen that Mohammed Riaz, a resident of Kakol, reported to police that five people called his wife to do house work as a maid but got her involved in immoral activities. He added that later the suspects strangled her to death and threw her body in a well after she developed differences with them over money.

The investigating officer said acting on the report, police registered a case against the nominated male suspects, who confessed to the crime during interrogation, adding that it took two days for the rescue officials to recover the body. A hunt is underway to arrest the other suspects.

Obituary

ISLAMABAD: Dr Fatima Rehman, mother of Dr Faiza Tahir and wife of late Col Mujeebur Rehman, passed away on Friday at the age of 92.

Her funeral will be taken out from House No 251, St 32, F-10/1 and her Namaz-i-Janaza will be performed at Zuhr at 1:30pm on Saturday at F-10/1 Masjid in Khursheed Market near Rugby Ground.

She will be buried at H-11 graveyard after Zuhr prayers.

For further information contact 051-8357835.

Community health centre inaugurated at Shah Allah Ditta

ISLAMABAD: Special assistant to prime minister on health Dr Zafar Mirza and Planning Minister Asad Umar on Friday inaugurated a community health centre (CHC) at Shah Allah Ditta, a suburb of the federal capital.

"With the launch of community health centre (formerly called BHU) in Shah Allah Ditta today, Pakistan has embarked upon the era of high-quality healthcare, accessible and affordable to all," said Dr Zafar Mirza.

Inaugurating the health centre, Mr Umar, who is also local MNA of the area, hailed efforts of the health ministry.

"The launch is very significant as it marks the beginning of a transformation at the primary health care (PHC) level whereby around 7pc of all health care needs of people will be met at their doorstep," Mr Umar said.

Shah Allah Ditta CHC is the first primary care level facility where a well-defined package of essential health services will be available.

Dr Zafar said, "We are beginning from ICT with community level and PHC facility level whereby lady health workers (LHWs) are retrained and Basic Health Unit (BHU) is comprehensively upgraded (now called CHC) in accordance with the new package," he said.

Under this model, all public sector health facilities will be computerised and they will have a database of each individual and family in the area.

"All health centres and hospitals will be using the same Health Management Information software, and all centres and hospitals will be connected for effective referral systems," Dr Zafar added. — Staff Reporter

Man sentenced to death

TAXILA: A court here sentenced to death a man in a murder case. Malik Tahir, an uncle of PTI MPA from Wah Cantt Malik Taimoor Masood Akbar, and an office-bearer of the motor dealers association, was sitting at a hotel on Brahma road when Javaid Mehmood shot him dead on Sept 29, 2015.

Wah Saddar police registered a case but the accused went into hiding till Nov 2018 when he was arrested from Hassanabdal.

After completion of the trial, the court observed that the prosecution had proved the murder charge against Mehmood and sentenced him to death. — Correspondent

Punjab plans to fence Loi Bher Wildlife Park

By Aamir Yasin

RAWALPINDI: The Forest, Wildlife and Fisheries department on Friday decided to fence Loi Bher Wildlife Park to protect it from encroachers. Originally, the park was set up on 1,000 acres which has now been reduced to 450 acres.

For fencing, the department will take guidance from a map prepared by Survey of Pakistan to identify park area.

The decision to fence the park was taken at a meeting chaired by Punjab Secretary Forest, Wildlife and Fisheries retired Captain Mohammad Mahmood after visiting Loi Bher and Banora Gali wildlife parks and fish hatcheries.

Wildlife and Parks Director General Sohail Ashraf and other officers concerned were also present on the occasion.

In the meeting, the provincial secretary directed the officers concerned to ensure removal of encroachments from Loi Bher park land, adding the department should approach the Supreme Court through advocate general.

He emphasised the need for restoring Chak plantation schemes, establishing largescale plant nurseries and accelerating the process of tree plantation.

He directed the fisheries officials that a comparative report regarding production of fish hatcheries and expenditures be presented to him. He told them to prepare terms of reference for outsourcing fisheries nursery units and hatcheries.

He expressed displeasure over lack of cleanliness and quality care arrangements for visitors to the parks.

He directed the department to construct ponds aimed at preserving rainwater which will not only help in catering to the water needs of the animals but the parks as well.

He said steps should be taken to provide quality recreational facilities to public at Loi Bher and Banoara Galli wildlife parks.

He also stressed the need for repairing cages and enclosures in the parks. He ordered the wildlife department that deer enclosure be restored and trees be planted on the park's vacant land before next spring.

The secretary blamed the wildlife staff for poor civil works and cleanliness conditions at Banoara Gali Wildlife Park and directed the DG wildlife to prepare TORs and legal framework for outsourcing the wildlife parks and create regulations that how it could be operated under the public-private partnership.

The provincial secretary, after taking a briefing, visited Rawalpindi Fisheries Hatchery and directed the officials there to prepare a plan for the completion of a quarantine lab, eradication of eucalyptus trees and plantation of other species of trees.

He directed the fisheries officials to frame a comprehensive policy aimed at handing over the seed production section to the private sector within 15 days. He also ordered elimination of stalls and encroachments from the premises of Tourism Development Corporation of Punjab in Patriata and remove the junk from the site.

Leh Expressway project awarded to Nespak

RAWALPINDI: Planning and Development Authority on Friday gave the go ahead signal to Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) to award consultancy of Leh Expressway project to Nespak which will make a feasibility study and PC-I within six months on public private partnership mode.

RDA has called a meeting to award the consultancy to Nespak formally in a day or two.

A senior official of RDA told *Dawn* that three firms participated in the bidding and Nespak gave a lesser bid.

He said the government fixed the rate for project consultancy at Rs25 million but the lowest bid was received from Nespak, KPMG and AXIX Law (joint Venture) worth Rs43.380 million.

Leh Nullah Project Director and Commissioner Saqib Zafar told *Dawn* that the firm will be asked to start work by next month.

He said the government will start Leh Expressway on Private-Public Partnership mode next year, soon after completion of the PC-I and recommendations for private-public partnership basis.

Mr Zafar pointed out that the project was initiated to provide an alternative route to connect Rawalpindi/Islamabad and the flood channel to avoid flooding in Leh Nullah during monsoon season, adding that initial estimates for land acquisition and total area will be finalised after the approval of PC-I.

He said during flooding in Leh Nullah in 2001, the then city district government led by District Nazim Raja Tariq Mehboob Kiani procured the land along Leh Nullah but it was encroached during the last 18 years.

The commissioner further added that it would be a challenge for the government to retrieve the encroached land along Leh Nullah and new procurement of land will have to be started to avoid any further controversy. — Staff Reporter



VIEW of a mosque on Jamia Masjid Road in Rawalpindi. — INP

Adiala jail houses 4,000 prisoners against capacity of 1,500, IHC told

Court was hearing petition filed by ailing prisoner seeking medical treatment

By Malik Asad

ISLAMABAD: The Adiala jail deputy superintendent informed the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Friday that at present the jail housed more than 4,000 prisoners against the capacity of 1,500.

The court was hearing a case related to an ailing inmate Khadim Hussain who filed an application before the IHC seeking medical treatment.

Jail Deputy Superintendent Zaman Khan appeared before the court and in response to a query informed of the court that the prison was built for 1,500 inmates while today there were more than 4,000 prisoners were being incarcerated and that too in a miserable condition.

"This statement raises serious concerns regarding violation of human rights of prisoners which are constitutionally guaranteed," observed the court.

The jail medical officer Dr Khalil Ahmed said before the court that the petitioner Khadim Hussain had been medically examined and his further examination was in progress.

The court noticed that despite the issuance of prior notices, no one turned up from the health and human rights ministries. Subsequently, the court ordered the secretaries of both the ministries to "nominate respective officers, not lower in rank than joint secretaries to appear before this court today (Saturday)".

Justice Minallah also sought the progress report on the commission constituted on Nov 22 aimed at ensuring civil liberties of prisoners.

The commission was headed by Federal Minister for Human Rights Dr Shireen Mazari with federal secretaries of interior and health, human right activists Zohra Yousuf and Ghazi Salahuddin, advocate Zia Awan, former FIA chief Tariq Khosa and the provincial chief secretaries as its members.

The court observed that the executive authorities were vested with power and jurisdiction under the Pakistan prison rules and the code of criminal procedure to address the grievances of prisoners suffering from serious illnesses.

The court pointed out that the United Nations committee on economic, social and cultural rights had declared health a fundamental right. And the international convention on civil and political rights provides that every human being has the inherent right to life and this right shall be protected by the law.

The sentence to jail deprives the prisoner of liberty and freedom while limiting some other rights, but the right to life has never been restricted or curtailed, rather heavy burden lies on the state to safeguard the right to life of a prisoner as the latter is entirely at its mercy.

Thus the federal government on behalf of the state has a constitutional duty and obligation to respect and enforce international treaties and conventions relating to safeguarding human rights and civil liberties.

MQM senator to raise motorway fine issue in Senate

ISLAMABAD: MQM Senator Mian Mohammad Ateeq Sheikh said on Friday that he would raise in Senate the issue of increase in motorways fine.

The MQM Senator raised the issue during a meeting of the Senate subcommittee on communications.

His displeasure was shared by all lawmakers during the meeting, who also objected to more than doubling the penalties for violation of traffic law on motorways.

"The fine for speeding has been increased from Rs700 to Rs2,500. Similarly, the amount of fines for other traffic offences have also been raised four times," Senator Ateeq Sheikh said.

The senator also doubted that the revenue collected from motorists at toll plazas on the motorways and highways were not being deposited into government accounts.

He alleged that the toll collected was being used by the Motorway Police without check.

"The money should be utilised to maintain highways," Ateeq Sheikh asserted.

The member demanded complete details of the revenue collected from motorists between 2013 till 2019, as well as details of the maintenance works, particularly on Islamabad to Lahore motorway.

He also demanded report on the contracts awarded to companies to ascertain transparency.

The subcommittee chairman, Fida Mohammad, voiced his concern over what he described as massive hike in the amount of fines for violation of law on the motorway.

Responding to queries and the concerns, Communications Secretary Jawwad Rafique Malik conceded that fines had been raised on the ministry's recommendations.

Penalties for traffic violations, in the form of fines, were part of the traffic law enforcement chain.

The measure will deter road users from committing traffic violations.

The government official tried to pacify Senator Ateeq Sheikh that the fines and toll collected from motorists was being deposited with the government.

The official told the members that 50pc of the revenue collected from the motorists on highways was given to the Motorway Police. — Jamal Shahid

19 adult literacy centres set up

RAWALPINDI: The government has established 19 adult literacy centres in different parts of Rawalpindi under the Punjab Literacy Programme.

As many as 11 literacy centres were set up for prisoners in Adiala jail, two for transgender community, one for the Hindu community in a temple in Lalkurti and five for the Christian community.

District Literacy Officer Rawalpindi Ghulam Ahmed Akash revealed this during a briefing on Punjab Literacy Programme at his office on Friday. It was attended by senior officials of education and literacy department.

Mr Akash said minorities, transgender people and prisoners have been especially focused in the literacy programme formed under the supervision of Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar and Minister for Informal Education Raja Rashid Hafiz.

He said all 19 centres have been operating since Nov 15 where illiterate adults are taught a special syllabus of the Punjab Informal Education Department for three months to make them literate citizens.

He added that up to 15 people have enrolled in each centre and qualified teachers were recruited who take classes for two hours daily focusing on basic English, Urdu reading and Mathematics.

The district officer also said intermediate and matric-qualified transgender teachers have been hired for both literacy centres for the community in Shamsabad.

Two literacy centres have been set up in churches in Dhoke Syedan near Barfkhana Chowk, Chak Jalal Din and Kashmir Bakers, Raja Sultan Degree College Road while three more centres for Christian community have been set up near Attock Refinery Morgah Road, Lalazar state near Combined Medical Hospital (CMH) and Qasim Base Adiala Road. — Staff Reporter

FIA asked to probe 'wrongdoings' in construction of PHA flats in I-12

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Interior on Friday directed the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to investigate alleged wrongdoings in the construction of Pakistan Housing Foundation's (PHA) apartments in I-12.

The committee, which met under the chairmanship of Senator Abdul Rehman Malik also told the agency to expedite investigations against three housing societies.

The Capital Development Authority (CDA) owns I-12 where PHA — a subsidiary of Ministry of Housing and Works — is currently constructing 3,200 apartments.

However, the civic agency said PHA had been executing the project while violating CDA's bylaws.

The CDA, through a working paper, told the committee that the PHA had started the project without getting possession of the site and approval of building plans from the civic agency.

The PHA also made diversion of nullah, besides disturbing the contour/topography of the area by digging and then dumping the same soil on planned residential area.

The CDA in its working paper also claimed that the PHA attitude caused considerable delay in the finalisation of amended/improved layout plan of I-12.

The civic agency said notices were issued to PHA and then the building was sealed but PHA after breaking the seals continuously executing the project.

The committee chairman directed the FIA to look into the issue and submit a report to the committee.

Senator Javed Abbasi objected to the move of the committee chair, saying without discussing the issue, the matter should not be referred to FIA.

"We received the CDA point of view today, before sending the matter to FIA, the matter should be discussed in detail," he said. But, chair decided to refer the case to FIA, directing the investigation agency to check out the criminal negligence of officers of PHA and CDA. Meanwhile, the committee directed the FIA to expedite the probe against the housing societies namely Top City, Mumtaz City and Multi Garden Housing scheme.

The committee also directed the FIA to present a report on award of a contract to a private company for development of sector E-11.

Meanwhile, the committee also discussed the access issue of some residential sectors, which after constructing of metro bus track, has no direct access to Kashmir Highway.

CDA Chairman Amer Ali Ahmed told the committee that National Highway Authority (NHA) has been working on a proposed interchange, which will be constructed on 17th Avenue on Kashmir Highway.

The CDA chief said that NHA would construct the interchange and they had also completed the initial design of the proposed interchange. He said that this interchange would provide access to Model Jail and sectors I-16, I-15.

The committee also discussed Islamabad pure food authority bill. The members said that this bill is highly important as there are reports that adulterated food, particularly meat, etc., being sold in the capital city.

The committee directed the ministries of interior and law and mover of the bill, Senator Sajjad Turi, who was not present in the meeting, to discuss the bill and report back to the committee.

The committee also took up National Counter Terrorism Authority (Nacta) Bill, in which mover Mian Mohammad Ateeq Shaikh sought amendment, making it mandatory for Nacta to present its annual reports before the parliament.

The committee, however, decided to seek input from ministries of interior and law in next meeting, when fate of the bill will be decided.

The committee formed a three-member subcommittee on proposed Pakistan Penal Code Amendment Bill, introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Swati on behalf of Minister for Interior Ijaz Ahmed Shah.

The committee chairman took notice of the hate campaign and derogatory remarks against dignitaries including Chief Justice of Pakistan, political leadership and common people. — Kashif Abbasi

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COURT NOTICE

BALAKOT

IN the Court of Muhammad Kamal Ali, Civil Judge III, Balakot. Suit no.142/1. Institution 22-06-2019. Next Date 04-12-2019. Sardar Muhammad Siddique vs. Chan Zeb etc. To, Muhammad Shoaib s/o Makhan Din resident of Dheri Shah Ismail Abad Balakot. Presently in Saudi Arabia. In the above title case it is not possible to effect the services of above mentioned defendant in ordinary and easy way. Therefore through publications the above defendant are inform to appear in the court on 04-12-2019. Otherwise ex-party proceeding will be taken against you. Given under my hand and seal of this court. (3710128686)

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Advertisement
Punjab Thalassaemia Prevention Project (PTPP)
Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Lahore

VACANCIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Punjab Thalassaemia Prevention Project (PTPP) requires the services of following staff on contract basis.

Sr. No.	Designation	MPS/BPS	No. of Posts	Appointment Place
1	Hematologist	MP-III Rs.1,27,050/month	02	Lahore (02)
2	Regional Coordinator	18	04	Rawalpindi (01), Sahiwal (01), Sargodha (01), Gujranwala (01)
3	Field Officer	15	06	Attock (01), Mandi Bahouddin (01), Sargodha (01), Bhakkar (01), Kasur (01), Bahawalnagar (01)
4	Lab Technician	12	03	Sahiwal (01), Sargodha (01), Gujranwala (01)
5	Receptionist	12	03	Sahiwal (01), Sargodha (01), Gujranwala (01)

Applications are invited for appointment on contract basis against the above mentioned vacant posts by 20.12.2019. Interested candidates may download complete particulars of the posts including required qualification, experience, age, number of posts, terms and conditions etc. From the following link: www.jobs.punjab.gov.pk and can apply on line as the same link. The candidates already in Government / Semi-Government service must apply through proper channel.

Note: The department has rights to change or omit number of posts & terms / conditions regarding recruitment and no separate advertisement will be given in this regard. No application will be entertained by hand or courier.

Project Director
Punjab Thalassaemia Prevention Project (PTPP)
1st Floor, Out Door Building, Gate No. 5
Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Lahore.
Tel: 042-99202644

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Punjab Thalassaemia Prevention Project (PTPP) requires the services of following staff on contract basis.

Sr. No.	Designation	BPS	Age Limit (years)	Appointment Place	No. of Posts	Qualifications Required
1	Peon	1	20-50	Sahiwal (01), Sargodha (01), Gujranwala (01)	03	- Matric - 02 years Relevant experience - Local candidates will be given preference
2	Sweeper	1	20-50	Lahore (01), Sahiwal (01), Sargodha (01), Gujranwala (01)	04	- Relevant experience - Local candidates will be given preference

The applicants must submit their applications and CVs along with a copy of attested documents at the following office till 20.12.2019 of the publication of this newspaper advertisement. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview. No TA / DA will be admissible for interview. The candidates already in Government / Semi-Government service must apply through proper channel.

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UNIVERSITY OF OKARA

A public Sector University Established under Government of the Punjab Act 08 of 2018
http://www.uo.edu.pk

INVITATION TO BID

The University of Okara invites sealed bids from firms registered with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) for the year 2019 to 2020 in appropriate category for below mentioned construction works.

Sr. No	Description of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Time Period (Months)
1	Construction of Bus Stand & Bus Station at Main Campus, University of Okara.	4,000,000	220,000	2

Interested eligible may obtain further information from University Engineer office of the University and inspect the Bidding Documents, the address given below in office hours. The Bid Documents are available from the date of publication and may be purchased by interested bidders in office hours on the submission of written application to the address given below and upon deposit of non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000/- for above mentioned each work in Habib Bank Ltd, branch University of Okara in Account No. 0152-79139089-01 along with the submission of following documents.

i. Certificate of Registration with PEC in Category C-6 or above along with the latest renewal letter. (Code CE-10, CE-01 for Civil Works)
ii. Copy of Registration with Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan or Registrar of Firm.
iii. Copy of Registration with Income Tax Department.
iv. Authority Letter and copy of CNIC.
v. A Certificate / Affidavit that the firm is not black-listed by any Govt. / Autonomous body along with the complete profile of company.

Bids must be delivered to the address given below at or before **December 10, 2019 on 11:00 Hours** and bids will be publically opened on the same day on **11:30 Hours** in the presence of the bidder's representative who chose to attend. All bids must be accompanied by bid security in the form of CDR in favor of University Engineer, University of Okara.

The bid documents will not be issued on bid opening date. Late bids or bids without CDR in the described amount and format will be rejected. The University of Okara will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

UNIVERSITY ENGINEER
Address: Office of the University Engineer, University of Okara
Ph. No: 044-2635543, Fax No: 0442-528266

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLYCLINIC, ISLAMABAD
(POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL INSTITUTE)

SITUATIONS ARE VACANT

Applications are invited on plain papers for recruitment to the following posts in Federal Government Polyclinic, Islamabad from the candidates fulfilling the condition of eligibility against each post:

S. No.	Name & BPS of the Post	No. of Vacant Post	Required educational qualification	Regional/ Provincial Quota	Age Limit
1.	Ward Boy (BS-02)	02	i) Primary Pass ii) Experience in any hospital will be preferred	Local	18 to 25
2.	Aya (BS-02)	06	i) Primary Pass ii) Experience in the relevant field essential	Local	18 to 25
3.	Dai (BS-02)	04	i) Primary Pass ii) Diploma/Certificate from recognized institute	Local	18 to 25
4.	Cook (BS-02)	01	i) Primary Pass ii) Experience in the relevant field essential	Local	18 to 25
5.	Sprayer (BS-02)	01	i) Primary Pass ii) Experience in the relevant field essential	Local	18 to 25
6.	Naib Qasid (BS-01)	06	i) Primary Pass ii) Experience in the relevant field	Local	18 to 25
7.	Mali (BS-01)	02	i) Primary Pass ii) Experience in the relevant field	Local	18 to 25
8.	Bearer (BS-01)	03	i) Primary Pass ii) Experience in the relevant field	Local	18 to 25
9.	Washerman (BS-01)	01	i) Primary Pass ii) Experience in the relevant field	Local	18 to 25
10.	Chowkidar (BS-01)	01	i) Primary Pass ii) Experience in the relevant field	Local	18 to 25
11.	Sanitary Worker (BS-01)	10	i) Primary Pass ii) Experience in the relevant field	Local	18 to 25

2. The applications with relevant documents on plain paper containing complete CV/Bio-data must reach to **R&I Section FGPC, Sector G-6/2, Islamabad** within **15 days** from the date of publication of this advertisement.

- Incomplete applications or received after due date will not be entertained.
- No TA/DA will be admissible for test/interview.
- Government employees should apply through proper channel.
- 02% quota is reserved for disabled person on overall vacancy position.

Executive Director

PID (I) 2902/19

QUAID-i-AZAM UNIVERSITY
ISLAMABAD

GALLOP TENDER NOTICE

1. Sealed tender on item rate F.O.R. University Campus basis is invited from the well established/reputed firms registered with the sales tax department and have experience to Government/Semi-government organization for the purchase of Spectrophotometer for Department of Physics.
2. Tender documents may be obtained from undersigned upto **17.12.2019** on payment of **Rs.1500.00** as tender cost, on all working days during office hours, except holidays **on written request on a letter head pad of the firm** along with proof for fulfilling the above conditions for tender is required (Photo copy of Registration with Govt./Semi-Govt. Organization or supply order issued by them must be enclosed). Sealed Tender must be reached this office along with 2% earnest money of the total cost/value of the tender items quoted by the concerned firm by **18.12.2019 at 10.00 am** and will be opened on the same day at 10.30 am in the Meeting Room of the University before Suppliers/Contractors or their authorized agents who may care to be present. Telegraphic and conditional tender will not be accepted. Any disfiguring, overwriting/manipulation in the tender documents shall be subjected to rejection. The rates must be quoted strictly in accordance with our specification and valid for **06 months**. The supply must be completed within fifteen days after issue of confirmed order.
3. The tender documents will be issued to only those firms who are registered with Sales Tax Department and should quote their Sales Tax number on letter head pad.
4. The University reserves the right to accept/reject the tender(s) by conveying the reason on request of bidders. The decision of the University on all matters relating to this tender shall be binding and final.

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FATA University
Tribal Sub Division Darra, NMD Kohat
Web site: www.fu.edu.pk

TENDER NOTICE
Single Stage Single Envelope Procedure

FATA University invites sealed tenders / bids from eligible Firms/Contractors enlisted with KP Works & Services Department in accordance with KPPRA Procurement Rules on Single Stage Single Envelope procedure for the following renovation works under the approved PC-1 titled "Establishment of PMU for the Establishment of the FATA University" in those buildings of the GDC Darra Adam Khel, temporarily handed over to the FATA University. The applicant firm must be registered with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in the relevant category & field of specialization, for the year 2019-20, having relevant experience, personal capabilities, financial soundness, required equipments and others as included in ITB.

S.No	Title of Work	PEC Required category	Estimated Cost Rs. (M)	Duration	Last Date for submission of bids
1	Rehabilitation & Renovation work (Phase-I)	C-6 & Above	8.59	As per Work Order	December 17, 2019

Terms and conditions are as under:

1. The intended firms are required to submit their bids in sealed envelopes to the office of the undersigned latest by **December 17, 2019 till 11:00 A.M.** The bids will be opened on the same day at **11:30 A.M.** in the presence of bidders/representatives in the FATA University, TSD Darra Kohat.
2. The Procurement Agency may reject any or all the tender / bid(s) at any time prior to the acceptance of Tender / bid (s), giving the cogent reasons of rejection, if requested by the bidder(s).
3. If the lowest bid costs of two or more than two bidders are the same then the successful bid will be decided through toss/draw in the presence of the bidders/representatives.
4. The Tender Form, BOQ etc. can be obtained from the office of the **Deputy Director Works, FATA University, TSD Darra Kohat** on any working day during the office hours on written request on proper letter head along with company/firm profile and Bank Draft of **Rs. 2,500/- in favor of the Vice Chancellor FATA University** as Tender document's cost **(non-refundable).**
5. Sealed bids must accompanied by a **bid security** (Earnest Money), **2% of the Estimated Cost / Tender Cost,** in the form of Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) in original from scheduled bank of Pakistan in favor of the Vice Chancellor, FATA University.
6. The applicant firm must be registered with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority (KPRA).
7. Documents will not be issued to any firm on the day of opening of the bids.
8. The bidder who quotes more than 10% below on the estimated cost is required to submit 8% additional security in the shape of Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) with the financial bid, otherwise his bid will be considered as non responsive and the 2nd lowest bidder and so on will be considered according to KPPRA notification no. KPPRA/M&E /1(4) /1-5/2018.
9. Bidding shall be done on **"%Above/Below/at Par on Scheduled Items and Below/at Par on Non-scheduled Items".**
10. All admissible taxes will be deducted from the bills of the firms/contractors at prescribed rates notified by the Government from time to time.
11. The detailed Terms and Conditions are given in the Tender Documents.
12. All the bids will be received through registered Mail/Courier service. By hand/faxed or on by other source delivery of the said documents as well as documents received after due date will not be entertained.
13. Further information can be obtained from the undersigned office on any working day during office hours.

Deputy Director Works
Phone: 091-5885510

DAWN

LAHORE Saturday, November 30, 2019

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Central

LAHORE

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Minimum	11.0°C
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14 injured as blast rips through rickshaw

Hizbul Ahrar's offshoot claims responsibility for the blast

By Asif Chaudhry

LAHORE: Fourteen people were injured when a bomb exploded in a stationary rickshaw near Chauburji on Multan Road on Friday.

The incident that police dubbed a terrorist activity was held a day after the facilitator in Data Darbar's suicide bombing which took place earlier this year, was sentenced to death by the Anti-Terrorism Court.

The proscribed Hizbul Ahrar (HuA), a splinter group of the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan Jamaat-ul-Ahrar (TTP-JA), claimed responsibility for Friday's blast. The group had carried out a suicide blast outside Data Darbar in May last that claimed lives of more than a dozen people including personnel of the Elite Force.

A senior official told Dawn that the blast occurred in a rickshaw soon after its driver parked it alongside Multan Road near Chauburji in search of a washroom to answer the call of nature. Fourteen

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CTD officials collect evidence from the blast site near Chauburji. — White Star

Two minor girls found dead in maize field

VEHARI: Two minor girls, missing since Thursday afternoon from Basti Chamanabad, were found killed in the nearby field in Mailsi on Friday.

Seven-year-old Sania, daughter of Abdul Ghafar, and her six-year-old cousin Fauzia, daughter of Ghulam Abbas, left home for the local mosque on Thursday afternoon and when they did not return, their families alerted the local police about the disappearance of the girls. The police registered a case against five people and launched a wide-scale search. On Friday morning, both girls were found dead in the nearby maize crop field.

District Police Officer (DPO) Akhtar Farooq visited the spot too. The families of the deceased girls said they had no enmity with anyone.

Station House Officer (SHO) Iqbal Shah said that on the complaint of Parveen Bibi, mother one of the deceased girls, got registered a kidnapping case against five people, of them three nominated, and all the nominated people -- Hanif, Hasham and Azhar -- had been arrested.

"The police are taking all aspects into consideration and more facts would be revealed after postmortem reports," he added. The police shifted bodies to the Mailsi Tehsil Headquarters Hospital for postmortem.

The SHO said told *Dawn* the initial autopsy report showed that both girls were strangled to death. He said the police were conducting raids in various parts of Mailsi and Kehror Pacca to arrest the remaining suspects.

He said the police registered a murder case against five accused. He did not mention the name of the two suspects yet to be arrested. Deceased girl families demanded that the chief minister take action of the incident. According to the police, Chief Minister Usman Buzdar took notice of the incident and ordered arrest of the culprits. — *GULZAR BAIG*

Entire top bureaucracy reshuffled

By Intikhab Hanif

LAHORE: Acting desperately, the Punjab government, being accused of inaction and inefficiency, on Friday changed almost the entire top bureaucracy in Punjab, including 31 secretaries (home and additional chief secretary among them), eight out of nine commissioners and 31 deputy commissioners.

Principal secretaries to the governor and the chief minister were also changed.

Political and administrative circles have been accusing Chief Minister Usman Buzdar of stalling activity in the province. Media has also been hinting at prime minister's reported insistence to carry on with his handpicked chief minister from south Punjab despite concerns being shown even within his party over the "slow motions" of the provincial PTI government.

Administrative officers and political circles termed Friday's tsunami of reshuffle a mad rush to divert attention from the performance of the PTI political leadership. They also apprehended that changing of officials from one place to another would not do any good to the province or its people. If the changed deputy commissioners were not delivering at one place as to how some of them given the same posts in other districts would emerge as the "doers".

Change of administrative officers at this scale is always witnessed in Pakistan on the arrival of a government of a party different from the outgoing setup. The new set-up selects a team carefully and implements its policies while trusting it, making occasional adjustments when and where required. This time the sweeping change has been made by a government after completing just 15 months of its tenure.

Bureaucracy has been mentioning NAB interventions and lack of major initiatives by the provincial government as two central reasons for their lack of performance.

Insiders said that lists of new administrative and police team had already been made and they were shown to new Chief Secretary Azam Suleman when he called on Chief Minister Usman Buzdar earlier in the day.

Political observers termed the move an admission by the PTI Punjab government that it had not been able to effectively run the province. The Punjab chief secretary and the IGP have already been changed and sent to Islamabad.

Meanwhile, Governor's Principal Secretary Babar Hayat Tarar was transferred and posted as BoR senior member/chief land commissioner vice Shaukat Ali who was posted as additional chief secretary vice Sardar Ajaz Ahmad Khan.

Chief Minister's Principal Secretary Dr Shoaib Akbar was recalled by the federal government and was granted a 90-day leave. He was replaced by Multan Commissioner Iftikhar Sahoo.

Specialised Healthcare Secretary Momin Agha was transferred and posted as additional chief secretary (home) vice Syed Ali Murtaza.

Mr Murtaza was transferred and posted as irrigation secretary vice Saif Anjum.

Livestock Secretary Nabeel Awan was transferred and posted as Specialised Healthcare secretary in place of Momin Agha.

Additional Chief Secretary Agriculture Sumaira Samad was transferred and posted as Literacy secretary.

OSD retired Capt Muhammad Asif was posted as forest secretary.

Special Education Secretary Dr Rashid Mansoor was transferred and posted as Governor's principal secretary.

Communication Secretary Tahir Khurshid was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He will be replaced by Asadullah Khan being sent to the provincial government.

Schools Secretary Irum Bukhari was transferred and posted as additional chief secretary (energy).

Literacy Secretary Arif Anwar Baloch was transferred and posted as additional chief secretary agriculture vice Ms Sumair Samad.

Urbanisation and Infrastructure Development Additional Chief Secretary Dr Raheel Siddiqui was transferred and posted as Chief Minister's Inspection Team chairman. He will be replaced by Hamed Yaqoob Sheikh.

Social Welfare Secretary Ambreen Raza was transferred and posted as Women Development Department secretary vice Nabeel Javed.

Youth Affairs Secretary Nadeem Mahbub was transferred and posted as Housing Secretary vice Nasim Sadiq.

Environment Secretary Salman Ijaz was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Management and Professional Development

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LHC asked to order action against those maligning judges

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court was asked on Friday to order action against those involved in an organised campaign on the social media against the judges of superior courts.

"Hundreds of Facebook pages are running an organised campaign targeting the judiciary," said Advocate Mian Dawood in a petition filed under Article 199 of the Constitution.

He submitted that the campaign against the judiciary on the social media was frequent especially when members of political parties in opposition got relief from any court of the country. He said the Supreme Court had clearly declared that any such ridiculous campaign under the garb of Article 19 of the Constitution amounted to an attack on the judiciary and an attempt to shatter the confidence of the public on the institution.

He argued that it was the duty of the LHC to protect judges and courts from being scandalised.

The petitioner alleged that the judicial organ of the state was subject to derogatory remarks through an organised campaign run from the social media cells of political parties and other groups without maintaining a difference between criticism on courts' verdicts and use of foul language.

He asked the court to order the cyber crime wing of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to investigate those involved in the campaign with intent to scandalise the courts/judges and lodge FIRs against them. He demanded that the FIA also be directed to submit a report in court about persons operating fake or genuine social media accounts and to immediately remove all types of material available on the internet maligning the judiciary and judges. — Staff Reporter

PML-N to lodge FIR against police torture of its MPA

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: PML-N lawmakers have condemned the alleged manhandling of their colleague by police during appearance of former railways minister Khwaja Saad Rafique in court in the Paragon City scam case and announced registering a first information report (FIR) against those responsible.

The lawmakers held a meeting over the alleged torture of MPA Tauheeq Butt by police in the Punjab Assembly opposition chamber on Friday and decided to approach the police station concerned to register a case against the (police) officers responsible for this. They also condemned the Buzdar administration for stopping journalists from entering the court to perform their professional duty.

Former speaker Rana Iqbal said Mr Butt's hand was injured in the police torture. He said a privilege motion would be moved in the Punjab Assembly in this regard and the PML-N would also speak to the new inspector general of police and seek action against the culprits.

MPA Azma Bokhari said this was not the first time that

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Punjab IGP changes half of police command after assuming charge

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A day after assuming the charge, newly-appointed IGP Ghulam Dastgir has changed almost half command of the police force, including four regional police officers (RPOs), the Lahore capital city police officer (CCPO) and 19 district police officers (DPOs) on Friday.

The IGP also surrendered services of six other police officers of BPS-20, BPS-19 and BPS-18 from Punjab to the Establishment Division, Islamabad.

The transfer of Rahim Yar Khan DPO Amir Taimur, the relative of Chief Minister Usman Buzdar, remained the talk of the town.

The major initiative was taken in respect of change of command of Lahore police by making transfer of CCPO BA Nasir and Operations DIG Ashfaq Ahmad Khan. Both officers have been replaced by Information Technology DIG Zulfiqar Hameed and DIG Logistics and Procurement Rai Babar Saeed, respectively.

According to the notifications, BA Nasir was transferred and posted as additional IG Traffic Punjab vice Muhammad Farooq Mazhar who has been transferred and posted as RPO Sheikhupura vice Sohail Habib Tajik. Similarly, Ashfaq Ahmad Khan was transferred and posted as DIG Establishment-I at Central Police Office. Mr Tajik was transferred and posted as RPO Rawalpindi vice retired Capt Ehsan Tufail who was transferred and posted as DIG Commandant Police Training College Lahore.

Bahawalpur RPO Imran Mahmood was transferred and posted as DIG Discipline and Inspection vice Ahsan Younas who was transferred and posted as the city police officer Rawalpindi from where Faisal Rana was transferred and posted as DIG Logistics and Procurement at the CPO.

Establishment-I DIG Riffat Mukhtar was transferred and posted as RPO Faisalabad vice Ghulam Mahmood Dogar who was transferred and posted as DIG Information Technology at CPO.

DIG Police Commandant Gohar Mushtaq Bhutta has been transferred and posted as CPO Gujranwala vice Moeen Masood who was made officer on special duty.

Counter Terrorism Department DIG Muhammad Sohail Chaudhry and CPO Faisalabad Muhammad

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Thousands join march for restoration of student unions

By Imran Gabol

LAHORE: Thousands of students from public and private institutions on Friday participated in the 'Student Solidarity March' demanding the restoration of student unions and better facilities for students.

Political and civil society activists, feminists, transgenders and teachers also joined the march which started from Nasser Bagh at around 12pm and culminated at Charring Cross at 3pm. They kept on singing revolutionary songs besides chanting slogans and waving placards, banners and panaflexes inscribed with slogans for the revival of student unions. The oft-chanted slogan was "Hum kya chahte, Aazaadi" (What do we want? Freedom!).

The march was led by the Student Action Committee (SAC) and participated by the Progressive Student Collective (PSC), Baloch Council, Seraiki Council, Pakhtun Council, Gilgit-Baltistan students, Kashmiris, Revolutionary Students, Baloch Student Organisation and Peoples Students Federation. PPP-SB chairperson Ghinwa Bhutto and Iqbal Lala, father of student activist Mishaal, who was killed in a Khyber Pakhtunkhwa university, remained the centre of attraction in the march.

Seraiki Council Chairman Amir Qaisarani said that having unions was a constitutional right of students which the state snatched from them 35 years or so. He said millions of students in the country had no forum to discuss their issues. "The administrations of educational institutions take one-sided decisions such increase in fee and rustication and expulsion from the institute," he said.

SAC spokesperson Mehlia Ahmed said students were rising to demand their democratic right. "I demand that all those people who are sitting in their lavish houses and claiming to support the students come to roads to show their support," she said. She said the state was dividing masses and students in the name of religion, sect and ethnicity bases.

"Come and see, we the students have rejected state's narrative of division and every nationality, including Seraiki, Sindhi, Punjabi, Pakhtun and Baloch, are participating in the march in their areas," she said.

SAC convener Muzamil Khan said problems of students could not be solved without the restoration of student unions.PSC's Zahid Ali chanted slogans outside the Punjab Assembly 'Ham bhi sawal hain, Ham bhi Mishaal hain'.

The march demanded restoration of budget for the Higher Education Commission, end to the layoff of academics, allocation of five percent of the GDP for education, nationalisation of educational institutions and withdrawal of the recent fee hike.

The students also demanded the establishment of committees in all the educational institutes to investigate cases of sexual harassment as well as ensuring representation of students on these committees. The demands include the removal of offices of security forces from campuses, end to undue checking and expulsion from universities. The SAC later held a press conference which was attended by Haider Butt, Sibte Hassan, Asad Baloch and Raza Gilani.

They said that three months were given to the government to revive student unions otherwise they would approach court; they would hold meetings with heads of political parties to submit resolution in support student unions and also organise meeting in educational institutions.

They said if the government did not accept their demands, they could give a strike call and march on Islamabad.

SUPPORT: Political leaders supported the revival of the student unions on the march day.

PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari tweeted: "The PPP has always supported student unions. The restoration of student unions by SMBB was purposely undone to depoliticise society. Today students are marching in the #StudentSolidarityMarch for the restoration of unions, implementation of right to education, end to privatisation of public universities, implementation of sexual harassment legislation, right to student housing & the demilitarisation of campuses. The spirit of activism and yearning for peaceful democratic process from a new generation of students is truly inspiring." Federal Minister for Science and Technology Chaudhry Fawad Hussain also fully supported restoration of student unions.

PRAYER

Fajr	5.17
Zuhr	1.00
Asr	3.23
Maghrib	5.01
Isha	6.25

Starting time in Lahore

REFLECTIONS

"FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU OWN THERE IS ZAKAT, AND ZAKAT OF YOUR BODY IS FASTING."
— HAZRAT ALI (A.S.) (78A1H427)

ETPB takes over fisheries office for default on rent

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) sealed on Friday the head office of the Punjab Fisheries Department for not paying monthly rent for a long time. The ETPB also took over department's building situated on Sanda Road.

"After office hours, our security and admin staff sealed and took over the possession of the head office (Directorate General of Fisheries Department)," spokesperson for the ETPB Amir Hashmi told Dawn. "There was no option but to take such an extreme action after the department failed to pay over Rs64 million (accumulative monthly bills pending for last many years). The ETPB is the owner of the property the fisheries department a tenant. We served a series of notices on the department before taking the step."

Before action, the administration also provided the staff with an opportunity to vacate the building.

"We plan to shift some of our own offices to the place," reads an ETPB press release.

LUCKY DRAW: Draw for LDA City Housing Project (Phase-1) plots will be held on Saturday at the site office, Kahna, according to an LDA spokesman.

"It will be a computerized draw for 9,000 files," LDA Director General Usman Moazzam said in a press release.

"A foolproof mechanism has been devised for transparency in the process in collaboration with the Punjab Information Technology Board," he added. He said data on these files had been uploaded on department's website where file holders can ascertain their status.

Also, 25 officers, attending the 26th Senior Management Course at National Institute of Management and Policy, Karachi, visited the LDA office and the Lahore waste Management Company on Friday.



PEOPLE visit the annual flowers exhibition organised by the Parks and Horticulture Authority at Jilani Park. — White Star

Another chance for 'persona non grata' student?

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Political activist Farooq Tariq on Friday claimed that Governor Chaudhry Sarwar called him and said the student declared persona non grata by the Punjab University would be allowed to complete his studies.

Addressing the Student Solidarity March outside Punjab Assembly, he said Hasnain Jamil Faridi would be allowed to complete his degree at the PU. Though he called it the success of the march that Mr Jamil was being restored as student but neither Governor House nor the PU administration issued any statement to confirm his claim.

The PU declared MPhil 2015-17 scholar Faridi of Pakistan Study Centre, who was among the organisers of the march, persona non grata for his involvement in violent activities on campus.The PU spokesman says Jamil did not complete his studies in due course and as per HEC rules he is no more a PU student.

Punjab IGP changes half of police...

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Azhar Akram have been mutually transferred and posted.

Awaiting posting, Shoaib Khurram has been posted as director police matters in the office of Overseas Pakistan Commission Punjab against existing vacancy.

These six police officers sent to the disposal of Establishment Division included DIGs Dr Moeen Masood and DIG Operations CPO retired Captain Atta Muhammad and SSPs Syed Ali Mohsan (awaiting posting), and Muhammad Maroof Safdar Wahla.

Similarly, services of two SPs, including Assistant Inspector General (AIG) gender crimes Punjab Maria Mahmood and Special Branch Punjab SP Shakir Mahmood Shahid have also been surrendered to Islamabad.

Omer Saeed, awaiting posting, has been transferred and posted as Okara DPO vice Jehanzeb Nazir Khan who was transferred and posted as Battalion Commander PC Lahore against existing vacancy.

AIG Admin CPO Hassan Raza Khan has been transferred and posted as Jhang DPO vice Attaur Rehman who was transferred and posted as SP Investigation-I Punjab.

SP Investigation-I Punjab Qaddus Baig has been transferred and posted as DPO Bahawalnagar in place of Anwar Khetran who was transferred and posted as AIG Admin CPO Punjab while Faisalabad SSP Investigation Syed Nadeem Abbas has been transferred and posted as Muzaffargarh DPO vice Sadiq Ali who has been transferred and posted as the SSP Telecommunications Punjab.

SSP Telecommunications Punjab Muntazir Mehdi has been transferred and posted as DPO Rahim Yar Khan vice Amir Taimoor who was transferred and posted as SP Special Branch, Multan Region.

CTD Punjab SSP Sohaib Ashraf and Bahawalpur DPO vice Sarfraz Khan Virk have been mutually transferred and posted.

Special Branch Multan Region SP Habibullah Khan has been transferred and directed to report to the CPO, SSP Headquarters Traffic Punjab Ammara Athar has been transferred and posted as DPO Sargodha vice Hassan Mushtaq Sukhera who was transferred and posted as the Personal Staff Officer (PSO) to the IGP Punjab.

IGP Punjab PSO Abdul Qadir Qamar has been transferred and posted as SSP Headquarters Traffic Punjab.

AIG Development CPO Muhammad Hassan Iqbal has been transferred and posted as DPO Attock vice Syed Shahzad Nadeem Bukhari who has been transferred and posted as AIG development at CPO.

Muhammad Asim, awaiting posting, has been transferred and appointed as SSP Investigation Faisalabad.

Another low in session time

Treasury takes MPAs' complaint about police misbehaviour lightly

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Assembly seems to be improving its own record of short proceedings: on Friday, it met for around 30 minutes and actual proceedings were less than 20 if one takes time for the recitation from the Holy Quran and Na'at out.

The proceedings started late by over two hours (11.06am instead of 9am) and straight away turned into a heated debate between the Treasury and the Opposition when Khwaja Salman Rafique, who came directly from the NAB court, stood up to tell the House how police misbehaved with him.

"It has again become a routine for police to mishandle us and our supporters on court premises," he stood up on a point of order before the House could take up the Question Hour.

"We had taken up the matter with the law minister through a privilege motion a few months ago and the situation improved a bit. It was decided in the meeting (with law minister) and we would produce our assembly members card and police would provide due decorum. However, the situation has deteriorated once again. In the morning, even a member of the House (Taufique Butt) was beaten by police despite showing the card. This is unacceptable," he warned and asked the law minister to take care of the matter.

Before the minister could respond, Taufique Butt himself stood up to tell the House that police started shoving him despite telling them that he was an MPA.

"I immediately went to the superintendent of police concerned (Syed Iqrar Shah) who was standing nearby and narrated him the story. He asked me to go back saying he has directed police officials. But as soon as I reached the court's door, dozens of policemen dragged me out and beat me up. It all happened in the presence of the SP," he said.

Rana Iqbal, former speaker, wanted the Chair to refer the matter to the privilege committee and let it investigate and punish the culprit. One after another PML-N member spoke in favour of referring the matter to the committee.

Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Raja Basharat agreed to convene a meeting with police higher-ups and thrash the matter out. However, he asked the members of the House to be careful as well when going to court.

"They normally go with dozens of supporters without considering the court capacity (of handling visitors) and once the court rooms fill up, it becomes administrative issue to be handled by police. That normally becomes a tipping point," he explained.

But the Opposition was not in a mood to settle on anything less than "privilege committee." As the Chair tried to move on to the Question Hour, the entire opposition erupted in protest. A member of the House has been beaten up and the Chair is taking it so normal and moving on to the next agenda item without settling the matter.

Amid the noisy protest, the Chair took up the first question and the opposition fell on its time-tested policy: walking out of the House in protest and point out quorum on its way out. Once quorum was pointed out, it was almost foregone conclusion that it would never be met due to thin attendance since morning. Customary five-minute ringing of bells did not produce the required number of members and the House was prorogued at 11.40am.

The biggest loser of the day however was the agriculture sector. The Question Hour on it was deferred last week when the administrative secretary did not bother to make it to the House. On Friday, the House neither had members nor the will to take it up again.

PML-N to lodge FIR against police...

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police had misbehaved with the PML-N leaders, workers and journalists.

"We have brought this matter to Law Minister Basharat Raja but he fails to ensure action against the officials responsible for this," she complained.

SP Headquarters Qasar Hussain, she said, was looking after the security affairs during the appearance of Saad Rafique at the accountability court. "We don't know what's wrong with Mr Qasar," she asked.

SP Qasar told the reporters that he had the (court) order to stop the reporters from entering the court. However, according to a court official, no such order was issued. Interestingly, the police used a mega phone outside the court, making it difficult for Saad to do media talk.

Ms Bokhari warned if police did not stop manhandling the PML-N workers during appearances of their detained leaders in court, they (workers) would be forced to take law into their hands.

MPA Samiullah Khan said the PML-N would continue raising this issue in and outside the assembly till redress of its grievances.

Malik Ahmed said the party would lodge an FIR against those involved in the torture of Mr Butt. He said the presence of riot police during the appearance of PML-N leaders in court exposed the real intention of the PTI government.

14 injured as blast rips through rickshaw

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passerby suffered minor injuries and were taken to hospitals nearby by the Rescue 1122 ambulances, he said.

Quoting initial inquiry, the official said the driver, Ramzan, had picked up a passenger from Sheraktot to drop him at Chauburji. The suspect who was carrying the shopping bag got down in a hurry almost a kilometre short of his destination and disappeared after paying the fare.

Officials of the law-enforcement agencies (LEAs) believe the suspect wanted to detonate the device close to a place at Chauburji during Friday prayer. It's yet to be ascertained why he left the explosive material in the rickshaw before disappearing, he said.

Initially, he said, police were alerted through information about a cylinder blast and the Rescue 1122 got a call about a transformer blast. Preliminary investigation confirmed that it was an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) dropped by an unidentified passenger in the rickshaw, he said.

A team of the Rescue 1122 said they provided first-aid to two of the injured on the spot and took others to the hospitals nearby for treatment of minor injuries.

A spokesperson for the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) said the blast occurred in a rickshaw near Chauburji around 11:25am. According to the crime scene details, he said, 14 passersby suffered minor injuries when they were going past the rickshaw.

The driver claimed he didn't notice that the passenger had left the shopping bag in his vehicle before getting down. No sooner had he parked it alongside Multan Road than he heard a deafening sound of blast, the CTD spokesperson quoted him as having said.

"According to the Bomb Disposal Squad and PFSA staff's initial assessment, it can be an IED the weight and nature of which will be determined after analysis," he said.

Aleem, one of the injured, said he was on his motorcycle and a powerful blast ripped through a rickshaw he was close to and lost his control. The motorcycle, he said, collided with another two-wheeler and he suffered bruises on his legs. He later found out that the rickshaw was reduced to skeleton.

"I was standing at the stop to cross the road when a blast shook the ground," said Asim Ali who also suffered injuries. It seemed a hard object hit his chest and he fell on the road. The next moment, he said, he found more people on the ground and many others running for shelter in panic.

DIG Investigation Inam Waheed told the media that the personnel of the LEAs collected ball-bearings from the crime scene and the explosive material was estimated to be three to five kilograms. It would be premature to say anything about the target of the suspected terrorist, he said.

Tehmina, Mahmood admitted to PIC

LAHORE: PML-N President Shahbaz Sharif's wife Tehmina Durrani and Punjab Housing Minister Mian Mahmoodur Rashid have been admitted to the Punjab Institute of Cardiology owing to heart pain.

Ms Durrani was taken to the PIC after she felt pain in her chest. She underwent initial medical examination and doctors suggested her angiography.

Mr Rashid underwent a procedure and doctors placed two stents.— **Staff Reporter**

Entire top bureaucracy reshuffled

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Department Secretary Saima Saeed.

Mines Secretary Amir Ijaz Akhtar was transferred and directed to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Population Welfare Secretary Hassan Iqbal.

Prosecution Secretary Khalid Sherdil was transferred and posted as Management and Professional Development Department secretary. He was replaced by Women Development Department Secretary Nabeel Javed.

OSD Shaheryar Sultan was posted as Schools Secretary vice Imran Sikandar.

Awaiting posting, Gulzar Hussain Shah was posted as Auqaf secretary.

Rawalpindi Commissioner Saqib Zafar was posted as Energy secretary.

BoR Member (Consolidation) Waqas Ali Mahmood was transferred and posted as Food secretary vice Zafarullah Khan.

Energy Secretary Aamir Jan was transferred and posted as Population Welfare secretary.

Food Secretary Zafar Nasrullah Khan was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD.

Special Secretary Home Ehsan Bhutta was transferred and posted as Youth Affairs secretary.

Punjab Overseas Pakistanis Commission Commissioner Javed Iqbal Bukhari was posted as Special Education secretary.

Cooperatives Secretary Mansoor Qadir was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Ahmad Raza Sarwar being sent to Punjab.

Punjab Employees Social Security Institution Commissioner Saqib Manan was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by OSD Tanvir Iqbal Tabassum.

Registrar Cooperative Societies Faisal Zaheer was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by OSD Shahid Niaz.

Mines Director General Shaukat Khichi was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Punjab Curriculum and Textbook Board Managing Director Muhammad Akhtar.

Excise Director General Zahid Hussain was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by OSD Sohail Shahzad.

LDA Director General Usman Moazzam was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by S&GA Additional Secretary Sumair Ahmad Syed.

Rawalpindi Development Authority DG Nadeem Ahmad Abro was asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Primary Healthcare Additional Secretary (Admn) Ammara Khan.

Primary Healthcare Additional Secretary Irfan Nawaz was transferred and posted as Punjab Food Authority DG relieving Secretary Primary Healthcare Capt (retd) Usman of the additional charge.

Commissioners: Irrigation Secretary Saif Anjum was posted as Lahore Commissioner vice Asif Bilal Lodhi who was sent to the federal government.

OSD Dr Farah Masood was posted as Sargodha Commissioner vice Zafar Iqbal who was sent to the federal government.

Schools Education Department Special Secretary (Operations) Shauzi Haq was posted as Multan Commissioner vice Iftikhar Ali Sahoo.

Dera Ghazi Khan Commissioner Mudassar Riaz Malik was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Housing Secretary Nasim Sadiq.

Forest Secretary Capt Muhammad Mahmood (retd) was transferred and posted as Rawalpindi Commissioner vice Saqib Zafar.

Bahawalpur Commissioner Nayyar Iqbal was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by BoR's Chief Settlement Commissioner Muhammad Asif Iqbal.

Sahiwal Commissioner Nadeemur Rehman was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Overseas Pakistanis Director General Ahsan Waheed.

Commissioner Faisalabad Mahmood Javed Bhatti was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Ishrat Ali, who is at the disposal of the provincial government.

Deputy Commissioners (DCs): Sheikhupura DC Tariq Mahmood Bukhari was transferred and directed to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by S&GAD's Deputy Secretary (Establishment) Sohrab Unis.

Attock DC Ishrat Ullah Khan Niazi was transferred and directed to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Chief Minister Punjab's Additional Secretary (Coordination) Ali Anan Qamar.

Okara DC Maryam Khan was transferred and posted in place of Mr Ali Anan. She was replaced by OSD Usman Ali.

Gujranwala DC Naila Baqir was transferred and directed to report to the S&GAD. She was replaced by Wildlife and Parks Director General Sohail Ashraf.

Sialkot DC Muhammad Umer Sher was transferred and posted as Mianwali DC. He was replaced by Mianwali DC Nasir Muhammad Basher.

Narowal DC Dr Muhammad Waheed Asghar was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Local Government Additional Secretary Mehr Shahid Zaman.

Chakwal DC Abdul Sattar was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by BoR Secretary (Colonies) Muhammad Zaman Wattoo.

Sargodha DC Asia Gul was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. She was replaced by Primary Healthcare Deputy Secretary (Admn) Abdullah Nayyar Sheikh.

Khanewal DC Ashfaq Ahmad was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Multan ADC (Revenue) Agha Zaheer Abbas Sherazi.

Sahiwal DC Dr Ehtesham Anwar was transferred and directed to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Layyah DC Zeeshan Javaid. Dera Ghazi Khan AC Coordination) Aifar Zia was posted as Layyah DC.

Vehari DC Irfan Ali Khan was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Dera Ghazi Khan DC Waqas Rashid. Tahir Farooq of the CM office was posted as Dera Ghazi Khan DC.

Rahim Yar Khan DC Jameel Ahmad Jameel was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Muzaffargarh DC Ali Shahzad. BoR's Secretary (Revenue) Amjad Shoaib Khan Tareen was posted as Muzaffargarh DC.

Chiniot DC Aman Anwar Kidwai was transferred and asked to report to the S&GAD. He was replaced by Chief Minister's Office Deputy Secretary Muhammad Riaz.

Rajanpur DC Afzal Nasir Khan was transferred and asked to report to the S&GA. He was replaced by Labour Department Additional Secretary Zulfiqar Ali.

School councils

4,500 students take oath

By Shafiq Butt

SAHIWAL: More than 4,500 elected office-bearers, including 2,284 girls, of 1,157 student councils of public sector boys and girls schools took oath to their offices in the district on Friday.

The central oath-taking ceremony was held at the Government Comprehensive High School where Deputy Commissioner Barrister Dr Ehtisham Anwar administered oath to the schoolchildren's representatives.

The councils, having four office-bearers each, were directly elected by 312,908 enrolled students in the election on Nov 14. Every council has a president, senior vice president, general secretary/finance secretary and press secretary.

The election was held under the supervision of Education Department CEO Sajjad Aslam while the respective school management and teachers played the role of election commission and staff.

Interestingly, students in 50 cities of the country organised a Students Solidarity March on Friday for restoration of student unions among higher educational institutions.

Speaking in the oath-taking ceremony, Mr Ehtisham said word 'politics' was having negative connotation among the general public but democracy was being taught to students by letting them exercise one man, one vote at school level without using the word 'politics' and student union.

He said the councils would be empowered to play a role in school management and create a healthy environment for 'character building'.

He said the elected representatives were those having a strong academic performance, 90pc attendance and no political affiliation.

A student, Rabiya, who was elected as president of Government Girls Pilot School, Sahiwal City, told *Dawn* that it was the first time in her school's history that girls played the role of voters and elected their own representatives.

"I, along with three other candidates, ran our election campaigns, designed election material, registered ourselves as constituents and cast votes on a ballot paper in free, fair and transparent manner".

Ms Rabiya, who won the election with a margin of 300 votes, is hopeful she would get exposure in understanding the real meaning of democracy through student councils.

The function was attended by Parks and Horticulture Authority Director Ali Nouraz Shakoor, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Farooq Akmal, a large number of district and tehsil education officers, parents, students and members of civil society.



SAHIWAL: Oath-taking ceremony of the students elected to run school councils. — Dawn

Muridke traders protest robberies

By Our Correspondent

SHEIKHUPURA: Traders of Muridke held a demonstration in front of the local press club on Friday to register their protest against the deteriorating law and order.

Talking to the media, traders association president Qaiser Butt said daylight robberies at gunpoint had become an order of the day.

He said Umair, a member of the association, was deprived of Rs1 million he withdrew from a bank on GT Road. Similarly, he said, a woman, the daughter of former councillor Nasir Mahmood, was robbed of cash the moment she came out of a bank.

Butt urged the district police officer to look into the matter.

Robber killed

FAISALABAD: An alleged robber was killed while two others, including one of his accomplices, sustained injuries in Garden Colony on Thursday night.

Batala Colony police registered a case on the complaint of Aamir Bashir who stated that he along with two friends was going by a car when three bike riders intercepted them.

He said he opened fire on the robbers when they tried to loot his friend, Anwar. The robbers returned the fire and a bullet hit Anwar in the abdomen.

One of the robbers identified as Ali Raza of Abdullah Pull, Samanabad Road, breathed his last on the spot in firing by his own accomplice, Tanvir.

Tanvir was caught and handed over to police.

Their third accomplice, however, managed to escape taking an advantage of darkness. — **Staff Correspondent**

CJ-designate hails women judges' role in elimination of gender bias

Says they should be encouraged so they can dispense justice without fear

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Justice-designate Gulzar Ahmad said on Friday women judges played a crucial role in development and encouragement of women in eliminating gender bias.

He said the women working in judiciary had become a role model for those sitting at homes.

"Role of men and women is equally important for prosperity of the country," said Justice Ahmad speaking at 3rd Women Judges Conference held by the Punjab Judicial Academy (PJA) and the Lahore High Court (LHC).

He stressed the need for to have true representation of women at all levels of the judiciary.

He applauded work of the women judges and promised to work for improving the court environment, making it more accessible and sensitive.

He noted that the women judges in district judiciary had been dealing with complicated cases regarding women and children. He said the women judges needed to be encouraged more so they could dispense justice without any fear.

Justice Ahmad was of the view that no society could excel without encouraging its women. He said the conference hosted by the Punjab Judicial Academy was a voice of whole judiciary.

Lahore High Court Chief Justice Sardar Muhammad Shamim Khan discussed issues of gender discrimination, saying the high court was in process of establishing gender-based violence and juvenile courts throughout the province.

He emphasised the need to improve accessibility to courts and stated that efforts were being made to improve the court environment.

Justice Ayesha A. Malik of the LHC underlined the importance of the gender perspective in upholding the rule of law. She focused on the use of gender neutral language and providing a more gender sensitive court environment for women, children and the differently-able persons.

She said gender perspective was an all-inclusive concept which was not just for women but for all judges and that the women judges had a role to play in bringing this perspective to the forefront.

Speaking on the occasion, PJA Director General Habibullah Amir and Director Programmes Jameela Aslam recognised the efforts of the Justice Ayesha A. Malik for the conference.

The event was attended by the women judges of Punjab who would spend next two days discussing issues from the gender perspective in the civil justice system, criminal justice system, and the digital world.

Panic as gangs injure man, make off with valuables

By Our Correspondent

KASUR: Robbers shot at and injured a man and thieves made off with cash in two incidents in Kasur on Friday.

A gang of robbers stopped Ghulam Murtaza and his wife when they were on their way to Pakpattan from Kasur near Dhing Shah village on Deepalpur Road. Four armed men held up the couple and snatched gold ornaments from the woman prompting Murtaza to resist.

They shot at and injured Murtaza and escaped with Rs80,000 and gold ornaments.

The injured was admitted to the THQ hospital.

At Khudian Bazaar, thieves broke open the locks of four shops including two pharmacies at a stone's throw from the police station and took away cash and other valuables.

It was the second such incident in the last two days as thieves had broken into a showroom of electronics (home appliances) and taken away valuables worth about Rs1 million on the night between Wednesday and Thursday.

On Thursday, robbers shot dead the owner of a showroom at Pattoki.

Panic was palpable in Khudian where people, especially traders, protested the police failure to protect their lives and properties.

Traders boycotted the open court of Saddar circle ASP Abdul Hanan to register their protest.

The traders said many crime incidents had taken place in the last few days and police had failed to track down any gangster.

Plea for revival of National Commission for Human Rights

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A meeting was held to commemorate the struggle of human rights' defenders and the challenges faced by them.

As an outcome of the meeting it was decided by all the participants that NCHR (National Commission for Human Rights) should be reinstated and made functional as soon as possible.

Members of RNN (Rapid Response Network) recommended that all government institutions cooperate and support them, including the social welfare department (SWD), the women's development department (WDD), the ministry of human rights, law enforcement agencies and all other departments related to women's rights. They said that RNN must be taken up on a provincial level to ensure that their outreach was made possible to otherwise inaccessible and remote districts.

These points were highlighted at the rapid response network meeting hosted by the Shirkat Gah Women's Resource Centre and Democratic Commission of Human Development (DCHD) on Friday, on the eve of International Women Human Rights Defenders Day.

Those who participated in the panel included women's human rights activists, members of the parliament and members of the Rapid Response Networks from all over the country. This meeting was part of SAFE (Securing Activists for Freedom and Empowerment of Women and Girls) project funded by the European Union (EU) which is working with women HRDs and providing support because of the challenges they face.

Both men and women present at the meeting shared their experiences, strategies, and explored the challenges they have personally faced as activists and champions of women's rights. More than 100 people from all over Pakistan had come and each brought his own insight with them.

UoG likely to double quota for tribal area students

GUJRAT: The University of Gujrat is likely to double quota for students from the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) in various UoG departments and reserve seats for children of overseas Pakistanis.

The decision was taken by UoG Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Shabbar Atiq who gave the go-ahead to various other academic and research proposals as he chaired the 13th academic council meeting here at the Hafiz Hayat Campus.

The council approved the degree programmes as well as academic calendar for UoG sub-campus in Mandi Bahauddin. It also approved supporting a Higher Education Commission (HEC) campaign against harassment at educational institutions and welcomed a proposal to make it a part of the syllabus.

The meeting was attended by HEC special representative Tanzilur Rehman, Gujrat CEO Education Afzal Shahid, Prof Dr Faheem Malik, Faculty Deans Dr Fareedullah Yousafzai, Dr Fauzia Maqsood, Controller Examinations Dr Danish, along with directors, chairpersons, and heads of department, directors of sub-campuses and colleges and chief librarian. — **Correspondent**

Faulty sewerage, damaged road caused 17 accidents in a year

By Abid Mahmood

NAROWAL: Roads damaged by stagnant water and sewage have caused 17 vehicles to overturn in a year, injuring 70 passengers.

The Zafarwal-Sialkot link road in Narowal district has been in a dilapidated condition for five years with a number of uneven patches. The damaged road has caused many accidents while drivers attempted to avoid the patches.



— Dawn

The distance between Zafarwal and Sialkot is 45 kilometres and passenger buses and private vehicles cover this distance in over two hours due to the poor condition of the road. The Zafarwal THQ hospital is also situated on this road, which looks like a stream for the last two years due to accumulation of two-foot-deep sewage.

The Zafarwal district administration has not installed a proper sewerage system for Naav Abadi, Naugla Sadkan, the THQ hospital and adjacent areas. Sewage from these areas accumulated on the Zafarwal-Sialkot road, damaging at least a kilometre-long patch.

In the last one year, 17 passenger and private vehicles turned over whereas dozens of vehicles got stuck in the ditches.

Residents of Naav Abadi, Muhammad Kaboor and Abdul Rahman, said, "We have filed several applications with the Zafarwal district administration and the Narowal deputy commissioner demanding the sewage be pumped out and a sewerage system constructed, but in vain."

They further said that the damaged portions of the road had caused many accidents and a number of women, children and the elderly had fallen off from motorcycles and got injured. "The inefficient district administration is waiting for a major accident."

Zafarwal Assistant Commissioner Mian Nazeer Ahmad said, "The population of Zafarwal has increased whereas the infrastructure is old. We are improving the sewerage system. I visited the spot and saw myself what is going on. We are trying to repair the sewerage system as early as possible."

The residents of Naav Abadi, Naugla Sadkan demanded Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar take immediate notice of the situation.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

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MULTAN

IN the Court of Syed Jhangir Ali Shah, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Multan. Title Ghulam Dastagir Shahzad Versus Muhammad Niaz Khalid etc. Civil Revision. To: 1. Mian Khawar Hashaam Ahmad s/o Niaz Khalid, caste Arain r/o Lahore Road, Mohallah Shalimar Colony, Multan, presently 189 Bhgahi Wardh Road B.S. 15-SH Bristol UK. The above titled civil appeal is pending against you. You are therefore directed to attend the court yourself or through attorney on the date fixed i.e. 02-12-2019 failing which you shall be proceeded against ex-parte and exparte proceedings shall be taken against you. Given under my hand and seal of this court. Additional District & Sessions Judge, Multan. (26613190156)

SAHIWAL

IN the Court of Ms. Salma Rasul Sahiba, Senior Civil Judge (Civil Division), Sahiwal. Misc No. Year 2019. Dawa tansiel mukhtar inaaba baaz wa hukmiqu imtinahe daaimi wa takeeb. Title: Altaf Hussain, Versus. Ghulam Mohiuddin Alias Ghulam Mohiuddin s/o Abdul Rasool Mansoori, caste Khokhar, r/o Sabila Block near Adara Minhaj ul Quran, Arifwala Road, Sahiwal present resident of 54A Raynham Street, Ashton Under Line, OL6, 9PR, Lanes UK. Whereas service of defendants/respondents is not going to be effected through ordinary means. So, service of defendants/respondents be effected through proclamation in the newspaper. You defendants/respondents are directed to appear in the court in person or through counsel on 02-12-2019 at 8:00am, failing which, ex-parte proceedings shall be initiated against you. Given under my hand and the seal of this court. Senior Civil Judge (Civil Division), Sahiwal. (25755250577)

JAMPUR

IN the Court of Shaikh Jahangir Sultan, Civil Judge, Magistrate 1st Class, Jampur, District Rajanpur (Pakistan). Civil Case No. 2019. Title: Inamuel Ullah etc. Versus: Ali Muhammad Khan. Suit for declaration. Notice to: (a) Mst. Mehroo Mai w/o Haji Gohraam Khan (makrah), (Raz) Jan Muhammad, (Zar) Anwar Bakhsh, (Saeq) Sookeedar, (Sheen) Lal Bakhsh s/o Haji Gohraam Khan (mohtof), all the caste Lound r/o Mouza Raghan Lound, Tehsil Jampur, present address Afghani Hawa No. 15 Deara (Dubai). Whereas service of defendants/respondents is not going to be effected through ordinary means. So, service of defendants/respondents be effected through proclamation in the newspaper. You defendants/respondents are directed to appear in the court in person or through counsel on 05-12-2019 at 8:00am, failing which, ex-parte proceedings shall be initiated against you. Civil Judge / Magistrate 1st Class, Jampur, District Rajanpur (Pakistan). (25775327960)

SIALKOT

IN the Court of Mr. Waqar Ahmad Najra, Naib Tehsildar/ACT, Sialkot. Application for distribution of land. Title: Mushtaque Ahmad etc. Versus Muhammad Shafi etc. Notice to: Muhammad Shafi s/o Ghulam Muhammad, Waris Ali Awan s/o Muhammad Shafi Muhammad Akram, Muhammad Aslam sons Muhammad Sardar, r/o Mohal Malakwala, Teh. & Distt. Sialkot. Whereas service of defendants/respondents is not going to be effected through ordinary means. So, service of defendants/respondents be effected through proclamation in the newspaper. You defendants/respondents are directed to appear in the court in person or through counsel on 12-12-2019 at 9:00am, failing which, ex-parte proceedings shall be initiated against you. Given under my hand and the seal of this court. Naib Tehsildar/ACT, Sialkot. (2100324625)

SHEIKHUPURA

IN the Court of Faisal Jamil Sahib, Senior Civil Judge Sheikhupura. Suit for Declaration with permanent injunction. Abid Ali etc. (Plaintiff) vs District Punjab etc. To: Muhammad Din, Muhammad Yaqoob, Sons of Sher Muhammad, r/o House # 1176, Jalan 32/118 Jinjang Selatan, Tambahan, 52100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Defendant). Whereas in the above mentioned case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above mentioned defendant cannot be served in the ordinary way, it is, therefore, proclaimed under Order 5, Rule 20 CPC that if the said defendant will / shall not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in court at 9am on 03.12.2019, the proceedings will be taken ex-parte. No arguments of any nature shall be entertained thereafter. Given under my hand and seal of this Court. (2764529888)

DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION (COLLEGES)
SARGODHA DIVISION, SARGODHA

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from the Income Tax / Sales Tax registered firms for the provision of items as mentioned against the name of following colleges of Sargodha Division, Sargodha.

Sr. No.	College Name	Object & Items	Amount (Rs.)
1	Govt College Sahiwal (Sargodha)	A09701-Furniture & Fixture A09801-Plant & Machinery A09203-I.T. Equipment A09470-Other (Sports) A09404-Medical & Lab Equipment	3000000 986000 1779000 300000 3200000
		Total	9865000

Sr. No.	College Name	Object & Items	No. of Students Tablet Chairs	Amount (Rs.)
2	Furniture for 34 Colleges of Sargodha Division	A09701-Furniture & Fixture	6563	23889000

The Tenders will be received till 16.12.2019 at 02:00 P.M. through registered mail or courier services and on the same day at 02:30 P.M. Technical bids will be opened in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives. And after the evaluation of technical bids, the financial bids will be opened on the given date & time of the technically qualified firms. The tender form / documents can be obtained from the office during office hours after the publishing in newspaper till 14.12.2019. The details of items are available in tender documents.

Terms & Conditions:

1. The whole purchase process will be executed in accordance with the PPRA Rules, 2014.
2. Original call deposit receipt (refundable / transferable) equal to 5% percent of total estimated price of each object in favor of the Director of Education (Colleges) Sargodha issued by any scheduled bank of Pakistan must be attached with technical bid. Cheques / Drafts will not be acceptable.
3. Tender must be complete in all respect. Tender must be according to specifications only and rates must be filled in the proper column of the tender form issued by the office and every page of tender must be signed and stamped by the owner of the firm.
4. Single stage – two envelopes in one large envelope procedure in accordance with PPRA Rules 2014 under section 38(2)(a) will be adopted. The envelopes shall be marked as "TECHNICAL BID" and "FINANCIAL BID" in bold and legible letters to avoid confusion. There will be no change acceptable in the model, brand, and manufacturer etc. which is required in the tender documents. Over writing / cutting will not be admissible.
5. Tender Forms can be obtained from this office on payment of Rs. 1000/- per tender (non-refundable) during office hours.
6. Separate Tender Form for each object & College will be accepted. Furthermore the successful bidder is bound to submit @ 0.25% as Stamp Paper Duty & 10% as Performance Security in shape of Call Deposit (refundable / transferable) in favor of the Director of Education (Colleges) Sargodha before the issuance of the supply order which will be forfeited in case of any deficiency or failure in provision of the items / supplies in the stipulated time period mentioned in the supply order.
7. The articles mentioned in the supply order will be handed over to the concerned Principal at the premises of his / her college in stipulated time period according to specification. The concerned committee will check the supplied items Physically & Technically and after the inspection, the committee will issue the Physical & Technical verification and completion certificate in favor of the firm after that the payment will be made to the concerned firm.
8. Quoted rate shall be valid up to 30.06.2020. Quoted Rates will be for brand new items and without taxes. All the taxes will be applied according to Govt. Rules which will be payable by the firm.
9. The Purchase Committee before awarding the supply order may seek clarifications and samples of quoted items from bidding organization, if needed.
10. The successful bidders will be bound to supply the articles within given time after issuing the supply order. In case of failure, according to the terms & conditions of the tender, the bid security will be forfeited and the concerned firm will be blacklisted in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules 2014.
11. The Purchase Committee has right to reject all the tenders without assigning any reason. If any of the firm submits tender documents, it will be presumed that the firm has accepted the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender documents. After the acceptance of terms & conditions of the tender by the firm, the firm has no right to violate any terms & conditions. In case of violation, action will be taken against the concerned firm according to concerned rules of PPRA Rules 2014.
12. Bids which will be incomplete, without sign & stamp, unsealed, without bid security and late by specified time shall not be considered. Bidders are requested to carefully read and comply instructions / requirements mentioned in the bidding documents before submitting their bid, after that no objection will be entertained.

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SARGODHA DIVISION SARGODHA
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Advertisement
Punjab Thalassaemia Prevention Project (PTPP)
Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Lahore

VACANCIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Punjab Thalassaemia Prevention Project (PTPP) requires the services of following staff on contract basis.

Sr. No.	Designation	BPS	Age Limit (years)	Appointment Place	No. of Posts	Qualifications Required
1	Peon	1	20-50	Sahiwal (01) Sargodha (01) Gujranwala (01)	03	- Matric - 02 years Relevant experience - Local candidates will be given preference
2	Sweeper	1	20-50	Lahore (01) Sahiwal (01) Sargodha (01) Gujranwala (01)	04	- Relevant experience - Local candidates will be given preference

The applicants must submit their applications and CVs along with a copy of attested documents at the following office till 20.12.2019 of the publication of this newspaper advertisement. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview. No TA / DA will be admissible for interview. The candidates already in Government / Semi-Government service must apply through proper channel.

Project Director
Punjab Thalassaemia Prevention Project (PTPP)
1st Floor, Out Door Building, Gate No. 5
Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Lahore
Tel: 042-99202644

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Advertisement
Punjab Thalassaemia Prevention Project (PTPP)
Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Lahore

VACANCIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Punjab Thalassaemia Prevention Project (PTPP) requires the services of following staff on contract basis.

Sr. No.	Designation	MPS/BPS	No. of Posts	Appointment Place
1	Hematologist	MP-III Rs.1,27,050/-month	02	Lahore (02)
2	Regional Coordinator	18	04	Rawalpindi (01), Sahiwal (01), Sargodha (01), Gujranwala (01)
3	Field Officer	15	06	Attock (01), Mandi Bahauddin (01), Sargodha (01), Bhakkar (01), Kasur (01), Bahawalnagar (01)
4	Lab Technician	12	03	Sahiwal (01), Sargodha (01), Gujranwala (01)
5	Receptionist	12	03	Sahiwal (01), Sargodha (01), Gujranwala (01)

Applications are invited for appointment on contract basis against the above mentioned vacant posts by 20.12.2019. Interested candidates may download complete particulars of the posts including required qualification, experience, age, number of posts, terms and conditions etc. From the following link: www.jobs.punjab.gov.pk and can apply on line as the same link. The candidates already in Government / Semi-Government service must apply through proper channel.

Note:- The department has rights to change or omit number of posts & terms / conditions regarding recruitment and no separate advertisement will be given in this regard. No application will be entertained by hand or courier.

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Tel: 042-99202644

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NOTICE FOR AUCTION OF CANTEEN, PARKING & SECURITY SERVICES AT THQ HOSPITAL BHOWANA

It is informed to all common & Particular that auction of Canteen of THQ Hospital Bhowana for the year **2019-20** has been initiated as under:

Sr. No.	Tender Name	Tender Document Fee	Call Deposit	Last date for Buying and Submitting Tender	Auction date and time
1	Canteen	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	19.12.2019 till 10:00 AM	19.12.2019 at 11:30 AM
2	Parking & Security Services	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	19.12.2019 till 10:00 AM	19.12.2019 at 12:30 AM

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. The date of auction is authorized by undersigned if auction is not held on announced date then 2nd date will be the next working day.
2. Interested bidders may submit their bidding / auction document in the office of Medical Superintendent THQ Hospital Bhowana. Call Deposit Receipt will be returned back on the spot to unsuccessful bidders. While the CDR of 1st and 2nd highest bidder will retained in the custody of Procuring Agency till the award of contract.
3. **Without CDR, Tender receipt and Original CNIC no one will be allowed to participate in Auction Process.**
4. **According to Law, Bidder must be an Active Tax Payer (Must have NTN number).**
5. Bid will be started from PKR Rs. 20,000/- month for Canteen and PKR Rs. 15,000/- month for parking (with provision of 03 security guards) in addition to all applicable Government taxes.
6. Successful bidder must submit **Half payment** of successful bid in Govt. Account including applicable taxes within 07 days of award and entitled to submit remaining half three month prior to contract expiry.
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9. Hospital Administration has rights to reject all offers before date of contract under law (PPRA 2014, Amended in 2016) Rule 35 (I), & Auction / Collection Right Rules, 2016.
10. For further details contact with undersigned during office hours.
11. Any defaulter declared by the Govt. / Semi-Govt. is not allowed to take part in auction process.
12. In case of central contract award bidder must be entitled to vacate the parking stand & canteen premises within **15 Days** of prior notice and this should not be challenged in any court of law.
13. Bidding Document / Terms and conditions will be received from the office of the undersigned after submitting of fee for Bidding Document (Rs. 1000/- for each).

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT
THQ HOSPITAL BHOWANA
Ph: 0300 7250790 /
Email: nafeesjawad700@gmail.com

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MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE WAZIRABAD

PUBLIC NOTICE

Municipal Committee Wazirabad invite applications for appointment of part-time Legal Advisor as per Local Government Legal Advisor Rules 2003 for legal consultations and pursuing cases before civil courts, sessions courts, labour courts. Appointment duration will be two years. It is mandatory for applicants to be law graduate and possess five years experience as an advocate. Interested lawyers dispatch their applications, with monthly remuneration at the most Rs. 20,000/- for Legal Advisor for Civil Courts, Sessions Courts, Labour Courts etc. By 10.12.2019 to the office of Administrator, Municipal Committee Wazirabad and copy to the Secretary Local Government and Community Development Lahore. Applications received after the fixed date shall not be acceptable.

ADMINISTRATOR
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The University of Okara invites sealed bids from firms registered with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) for the year 2019 to 2020 in appropriate category for below mentioned construction works.

Sr. No	Description of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Time Period (Months)
1	Construction of Bus Stand & Bus Station at Main Campus, University of Okara.	4,500,000	220,000	2

Interested eligible may obtain further information from University Engineer office of the University and inspect the Bidding Documents, the address given below in office hours. The Bid Documents are available from the date of publication and may be purchased by interested bidders in office hours on the submission of written application to the address given below and upon deposit of non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000/- for above mentioned each work in Habib Bank Ltd. branch University of Okara in Account No. 0132-79139009-01 along with the submission of following documents.

i. Certificate of Registration with PEC in Category C-6 or above along with the latest renewal letter. (Code CE-10, CE-01 for Civil Works)
ii. Copy of Registration with Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan or Registrar of Firm.
iii. Copy of Registration with Income Tax Department.
iv. Authority Letter and copy of CNIC.
v. A Certificate / Affidavit that the firm is not blacklisted by any Govt. / Autonomous body along with the complete profile of company.

Bids must be delivered to the address given below at or before December 10, 2019 on 11:00 Hours and bids will be publically opened on the same day on 11:30 Hours in the presence of the bidder's representative who chose to attend. All bids must be accompanied by bid security in the form of CDR in favor of University Engineer, University of Okara.

The bid documents will not be issued on bid opening date. Late bids or bids without CDR in the described amount and format will be rejected. The University of Okara will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

UNIVERSITY ENGINEER
Address: Office of the University Engineer, University of Okara
Ph. No: 044-2635543, Fax No: 0442-528266

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DAWN

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CONSTRUCTION work by the Auqaf department underway on boundary wall of Rahman Baba Graveyard, Peshawar. — White Star

PHC asks govt to restrict activities of Afghans

Disposes of petition seeking orders to regulate life, work of refugees

By Waseem Ahmad Shah

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court has directed the federal and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments to restrict the activities of Afghan refugees in the country in line with the law of the land.

A bench consisting of Justice Lal Jan Khattak and Justice Mohammad Naeem Anwar disposed of a petition filed by senior lawyer Mohammad Moazam Butt, who sought its orders for the federal and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments to regulate the life and work of Afghan refugees in the country and deport illegal refugees.

In a two-page verdict, the bench ruled: "No one would disagree what the petitioner has averred in his petition that activities of the refugees must be under the law on the subject and on no count they could be allowed to do what they want as the refugees have to lead a regulated and controlled life."

It added that refugees couldn't be allowed to conduct businesses in the country without authorisation by the relevant quarters.

The bench, however, ruled that the issue couldn't be decided by the court while exercising its constitutional jurisdiction, so it deemed it fit to send the petitioner's case to the respondents for taking appropriate and legal action under the law against the refugees and to regulate their lives to the possible extent so that the citizens of Pakistan could lead their lives peacefully.

It issued directions to five of the respondents, including interior, defence, State and Frontier Regions secretaries, and KP government through chief and home secretaries.

The petitioner contended that the unchecked movement and roaming of the Afghan refugees had created myriad problems for citizens of the country, so their activities must be regulated.

The bench observed that though the petitioner had argued the case at the end of his arguments, he said he would be satisfied if directions were given to the respondents to enforce the law and rules on the issue raised in the petition.

Mr Moazzam Butt said after the Soviet-Afghan war began in 1979, millions of Afghans reached Pakistan as refugees.

He said since long Afghan citizens had retained their freedom and were required to return but they chose not to do so and thus, causing multidimensional law and order situation in Pakistan.

The lawyer said the respondents were under legal obligations to regulate the life of Afghan refugees in Pakistan to protect the life, liberty and property of Pakistani citizens.

The petitioner claimed that hundreds of acts of terrorism had taken place in the country. He also pointed out several incidents of terrorism which took place in the country and resulted in loss of precious lives.

He said the citizens of Pakistan had fundamental rights to life, liberty, security and property but the government was not acting in the required manner to address the cause.

The petitioner said in almost every country, foreigners could conduct businesses only after the issuance of work permits.

"This Court may be required to determine that under what authority the afghan refugees are conducting business, running shops or are directly or indirectly related to any type of business concerns in the Pakistan without any legal permits, causing adverse effect to the economy of Pakistan and compelling the citizens of this country to live in poverty," he said.

He said the federal government and other respondents should determine under what authority of law, Afghan refugees lived in Pakistan even after the establishment of elected governments and restoration of the social order in own country.

Demonstrators demand restoration of student unions

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The students of various universities and colleges along with the activists of political parties marched from the Peshawar Press Club to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly here on Friday to demand restoration of student unions in educational institutions.

The students both boys and girls held banners and placards inscribed with slogans, including 'restore student unions and include students in decision-making bodies'.

The rally was organised in connection with the Student Solidarity March, which took place in all big cities and towns of the country.

The protesters asked the government to declare April 13 as the Mashal Day in the country. Mashal Khan of Swabi district was lynched by a mob of students and armed outsiders at the Abdul Wali Khan University in Mardan in April 2017.

The students demanded the withdrawal of increase in tuition and other fees, provision of free education to people at all levels, end to undue interference of security forces in the affairs of educational institutions, especially in universities, and avoiding of the privatisation of educational institutions.

They also called for better quality of education in merged tribal districts and formation of complaint committee in universities and colleges to stop abuse and sexual harassment of students, especially girls.

The students said boys and girls should be nominated as members of those committees.

Information minister Shaukat Ali Yousafzai told reporters that he personally favoured the restoration of student unions in educational institutions.

He said unions at the university level would create positive activities.

The minister said though the restoration of student unions had never come under discussion at any forum, he supported the demand of students for it.

Meanwhile, the National Students Federation Pakistan organised a rally in Parachinar, the headquarters of Kurram tribal district.

The rally was held outside the press club, where students of different colleges showed up.

The protesters asked the Higher Education Commission to withdraw deduction in development budget for universities and give relief to students in admission fee.

They said the students were being harassed and that the government should lift ban on student unions immediately.

Five hand grenades recovered in Bajaur

KHAR: Police recovered five hand grenades from a field in Salarzai tehsil on Friday.

According to a statement issued by district police officer Pir Shahab Ali Shah, the hand grenades were recovered by the personnel of bomb disposal squad in Tangi area after information provided by the local people.

It said that all the explosives had been defused, while the police had launched further investigations. Also in the day, the police arrested two proclaimed offenders wanted in different cases.

DPO Shahab Ali Shah told mediapersons that both the proclaimed offenders were arrested from Salarzai tehsil during separate raids. He said that one proclaimed offender, Javid Khan, was arrested from Wandi village. He said that the accused had been wanted to police since May 20, 2019 in various cases.

He said that another proclaimed offender, Gul Ameer, was arrested from Chargo area on Saturday. He said that the accused had been wanted to Mardan police in a case for last several months.

ANTI-GOVT RALLY: Opposition parties in Bajaur tribal district on Friday announced to participate in the JUI-F's anti-government rally scheduled to be held in Khar on Saturday (today).

They announcement was made by leaders of the political parties during a multiparty meeting organised by JUI-F local chapter at the residence of its leader Said Badshah in Khar.

JUI-F local chapter chief Maulana Abdur Rasheed, ANP provincial joint secretary Shah Naseer Khan, PPP local chapter president Aurangzeb, PML-N acting president Anwarul Haq and others attended the meeting.

Maulana Rasheed said that holding of the anti-government rally in the region was part of the JUI-F's plan C, launched to oust the PTI government. — Correspondent



A BROKEN chair fixed in an open manhole in Nishtarabad, Peshawar, warns the passers-by of impending danger. — White Star

17 arrested as 31 marble factories sealed

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The district administration on Friday sealed 31 marble factories located on the Warsak Road and arrested their managers for creating pollution in the provincial capital.

According to a statement the factories were sealed during a raid conducted jointly by the district administration and the environment department. The raiding party was headed by additional assistant commissioner Town-2 Mina Zahir.

Seventeen managers of different marble factories were arrested.

The marble factories, it said, were creating environmental issues due to lack of proper filtration plants and releasing the effluent directly into the canals despite prior warnings many times to the relevant people.

It was stated that most of the drains in the area had got clogged due to the overflowing sewage and that the toxic waste was also hurting agricultural activities in the surroundings.

Closure of private fruit market protested

By Our Correspondent

KOHAT: Hundreds of wholesale dealers and labourers of a sealed private fruit and vegetable market blocked the bypass road here on Friday to protest its closure.

A protest rally was also taken out from Shiren Mela area of Jungle Khel, and the participants reached the venue of an open kutchery being held by deputy commissioner Matiullah Khan, while chanting slogans against the tehsil municipal administration.

TMO Hamid Mansoor said due to the opening of the private market the government-run facility was suffering huge losses each month. He made it clear that the private market could not be allowed to operate in the same district. He accused the market's owner and the businessmen of taking the law into their own hands.

The market owner Yousuf Khan said when they shifted their businesses to a marriage hall from the sealed market the officials dug the entrance so that the trucks and handcart owners could not enter it. He said the administration was violating the Supreme Court orders, which had allowed the private market to function. He said they had invested millions of rupees in the market, and its closure had caused them hefty losses.

The deputy commissioner, after hearing the complaints of the protesters, said that the matter would be resolved soon.

Three held in rape case

By Our Correspondent

MANSEHRA: The local police on Friday arrested three people, including a woman, in a gang rape case on the court's orders.

However, a suspect fled from the court premises.

Additional sessions judge Asghar Ali Shah ordered the arrest of all suspects, including Mohammad Aurangzeb, Mohammad Sabir, Mehreen Bibi and Ashiq Hussain, after the rape victim complained that she was being pressured for the out-of-the-court settlement.

The police arrested the suspects except Ashiq Hussain, who escaped after the judge cancelled their pre-arrest bails. The counsel for the suspects produced a copy of the deal struck by his clients with the rape victim.

However, the court rejected it observing that the girl had alleged that the suspects had threatened her with dire consequence, so she agreed to settling the issue out of court.

Bilal Khan, the counsel for suspects, said he would challenge bail cancellation in the high court.

Also, Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl central leader Maulana Gul Naseeb Khan visited the King Abdullah Teaching Hospital here and inquired after party leader Mufti Kifayatullah, who was injured in an attack early on Wednesday.

Mr Gul told reporters that if the culprits weren't held, it meant that the government was behind the attack.

He said the prime minister should step down otherwise the youths would use undemocratic means to remove him.

PRAYER

Fajr	05.32
Zuhar	12.05
Asr	03.30
Maghreb	05.07
Isha	06.35

Starting time in Peshawar

REFLECTIONS

"FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU OWN THERE IS ZAKAT, AND ZAKAT OF YOUR BODY IS FASTING."

— HAZRAT ALI (A.S.)
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STUDENTS participate in a sack race at sports day event at City School, Hayatabad, on Friday.

Students enthral visitors at sports festival

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Students at a colourful sports festival amused the visitors with their skills at a private educational institution here on Friday.

The students belonging to different 'houses' enthusiastically participated in several events, including aerobics, physical-training drill, exercises, races and games. The races included short distance sprint, relay race, hurdles race, sack race, etc.

To add further amusement to the event some games were also held for the parents, which they fully enjoyed.

At the end of the event prizes were distributed among the winning players.

The sports festival started with release of colourful balloons in the air by former world squash champion Qamar Zaman, who was the chief guest, and headmistress of the school, Ms Saba Tahir.

The surroundings to the playground and entrance were vibrantly decorated with buntings, posters and balloons giving a fascinating sight to the visitors. Players of Red, Green, Blue and Yellow Houses passed through the ground with their respective flags waving to the visitors.

Mr Zaman appreciated children's enthusiasm and efforts of the school's management.

He said sports and other extracurricular activities were important for children's healthy upbringing.

"Sports play vital role in overall growth of students, physical as well as mental, as a sound body possesses a sound mind," said Saba Tahir, the headmistress of City School Hayatabad Junior.

She said there was importance of sportsmanship and competitiveness in life, adding both the educationists and parents played vital role in inculcating these qualities in children.

ANP calls govt incompetent

Aimal says PTI disgraced key institution over COAS service extension

By Our Correspondent

NOWSHERA: Awami National Party provincial president Aimal Wali Khan on Friday said the army chief service extension crisis had exposed the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's incompetence.

"The PTI is unable to manage the government affairs. Recently, it disgraced the most prestigious institution of the country by creating a controversy over the extension in the service of the chief of army staff," he told a public meeting here.

On the occasion, former district president of the Pakistan Peoples Party Mian Yahya Shah along with family members and workers joined the ANP.

Mr Aimal said the army chief service extension issue had exposed the incompetence of the government's legal team as the issue would remain debatable for six month in parliament.

He said had he been in place of General Qamar Javed Bajwa, he would have resigned as the army chief following the controversy.

The ANP leader claimed that all government machinery was managed by those, who brought the PTI to power.

He said PM Imran Khan was bent on destroying the prevailing democratic system.

Mr Aimal said the people would lose confidence in politicians after the role of the PTI.

He said the ANP wanted a real democratic system in Pakistan, where parliament was supreme and public opinion was respected.

The ANP leader said the PTI government should be removed immediately if the country was to progress.

He declared the Imran Khan government a security threat to the country.

Mr Aimal said his party had always stood with the depressed segment of society and rendered matchless sacrifices for it.

He added that all segments of society, including teachers, students, traders and doctors, were agitating due to the adverse policies of the government.

ANP central general secretary Mian Iftikhar Hussain criticised the US for openly opposing the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project and said that disapproval wasn't acceptable to Pakistanis at all.

He said the CPEC's western route was important for the development of Pakhtun belt, so the ANP won't accept the rollback of the mega development project.

Mr Hussain said the US had always deceived Pakistan and it was creating hurdles to China's support and cooperation for Pakistan's development.

He demanded the opening of Pak-Afghan border for Pakhtuns like the Indo-Pak border for Sikh pilgrims.

The ANP leader appreciated the Azadi March of opposition parties and said the anti-government protest had produced very positive results for the democratic forces in the country.

Education plan launched in Shangla

SHANGLA: The Shangla deputy commissioner and the education department launched the district education plan 2019-20 on Friday.

The launching ceremony was held at Alpuri. The deputy commissioner handed over the plan document to the district education officers male and female.

Adam Smith International and UK's Department for International Development representatives were also present. Both the organisations are providing technical support to the education department for promoting quality education in the district.

A statement issued from the DC office said the district education plan was meant to improve the performance of district education offices and facilitating the officials. It said under the district education plan, targets were set at the school, circle, subdivision and district levels, and based on the results, the district performance scorecard was determined. Circle and sub-divisional officers are ranked at the intra-district performance scorecard meeting held in each district each month.

Meanwhile, assistant commissioner, Alpuri, Fahad Karim on Friday sealed private taxi and bus stands in Bisham. He took the action as the transporters were not willing to join the TMA-run general bus stand in Bisham city. Also, the assistant commissioner, Puran, launched an anti-encroachment drive on Friday and removed encroachments from the roadsides at Aloch Bazaar.

DEATH SENTENCE: The model court on Friday awarded death sentence on two counts to a man for killing two police officers in Martung in 2010.

Judge Hayat Gul Mohmand announced the verdict in the camp court Swat. Convict Nazar-ul-Islam was a constable in Martung police station when he killed SHO Noor Mohammad Khan and ASI Akbar Khan during a patrol. — Correspondent

Bilawal urged to hold workers' convention

PESHAWAR: Pakistan Peoples Party lawmakers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have urged the party leadership to convene a convention of senior ideological workers to share views about the current national issues and party position in order to devise the future strategy.

The demand was raised by party's parliamentary leader in the provincial assembly Sher Azam Wazir and MPA Ahmad Kundi in a joint statement here on Friday.

They said that the PPP's 52nd foundation day would be held on Saturday (today) in Muzaffarabad, Azad Kashmir, to reaffirm the pledge for restoration of the party's past position on solid basis.

The lawmakers urged PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari to focus his attention on bringing together all the dispersed ideological people of the party for consultation on the prevailing political and party situation in the country.

They also recalled the sacrifices rendered by the party leadership for strengthening democracy and protection the rights of poor people. They paid tribute to the people who remained in prisons and faced tribulations during martial laws.

Meanwhile, party's provincial president Mohammad Humayun Khan in a separate statement said that it was the PPP leadership that served the country selflessly. He said that the credit went to PPP which always focused on provision of jobs and health and education facilities in different provinces.

He criticised the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf government for creating the present price hike, joblessness and financial crisis in the country. He said that PTI was unable to find any solution to the economic issues and the best way in the prevailing situation was to hold fresh general elections. — Bureau Report

Scholarships for top athletes

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government will give monthly scholarship and sponsorship to all medal winners of the 33rd National Games, Inter-Provincial Games and National Youth, Junior and Senior Championships.

Senior Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Mohammad Atif Khan announced this on Friday while addressing the cash award distribution ceremony held for the medallists of recently-concluded 33rd National Games in Peshawar.

KP Olympic Association president Syed Aqil Shah, director-general sports Asfandyar Khan Khattak, office-bearers of various associations, players and officials were also present on the occasion.

He said that the cash awards announced by the government included Rs200,000 each for the winners of gold medal, Rs100,000 for silver and Rs50,000 for bronze medallists besides monthly scholarship of Rs20,000 each for the winners of gold, Rs15,000 for silver and Rs10,000 for bronze medallists.

"I am giving cash awards to all those who won gold, silver and bronze medals in the 33rd National Games and soon the athletes who got first position in the National Youth and Junior Athletics Championships, held in Lahore last week, would also be honoured with similar cash rewards," the minister said.

He said that the athletes won 15 gold, 13 silver and 13 bronze medals by securing 352 points. KP was declared as the overall winners despite presence of top teams. He said it was the topmost priority of the government to support the youth, specially the players so that they could be able to compete at the national and international levels.

The minister paid tribute to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Olympic Association, the police, army, Rescue 1122, health department, sports authority and other departments on the successful conduct of National Games. — Bureau Report

Poetry session held in Dir to revive Pakhtun traditions

UPPER DIR: A Pashto poetry session was arranged at the district council hall here on Friday to spread the message of peace and love in the society.

Panjkora and Dewa Adabi Tolana arranged the event chaired by deputy commissioner Khalid Iqbal Khattak.

Noted Pashto poets from the district and other parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, including Bakht Zada Danish, Mohammad Khan Fikri, Khalid Khan, Arshad Abdali, Gul Ahmad Gul and others, presented their pieces and received appreciation from the audience.

Some young poets also presented their heart-touching poems in which they crafted beautiful images of the old days of Pakhtun society and their golden traditions.

The poets impressed the audience with their pieces and were asked to repeat their sweet and romantic couplets again and again.

The stage was decorated with a traditional clay-made pitcher 'Matka', which was used for fetching water from springs in old days by women in villages.

Colourful lighting enhanced beauty of the environment and added a new spirit to the event.

On the occasion, Khalid Iqbal praised the organisers for the initiative to help revive the Pashto language. He said the district administration would give every possible support to the poets and their organisations.

He said such events would also be organised in other tehsils of the district.

SCHOOL GETS TENTS: Two tents were given to government primary school, Katair Dong Darra, a remote area of Upper Dir district, to be used as shelter for classrooms to release burden of students on the two existing rooms.

A total of 300 students are enrolled in the school, but there are only two classrooms.

Additional assistant commissioner, Sheringal, Mohammad Saqib Khan handed over the tents to the school.

The staff told the official that they had to accommodate 150 students in each classroom.

The official said the tents would be used for makeshift classrooms until permanent classrooms were built.

Parents and staff thanked the district administration for providing tents to the school. — Correspondent

‘Kamyab Jawan Programme gets overwhelming response’

Usman Dar briefs CM about initiative

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Mahmood Khan was informed on Friday that the youth from across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa responded overwhelmingly to the Prime Minister's Kamyab Jawan Programme and thus far over 90,000 applications had been received from all the districts.

A statement issued here said that Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Youth Affairs Usman Dar briefed the chief minister about the initiative. Mr Dar stated that over 90,000 applications had been received from the province in five weeks.

It quoted Mr Khan as saying that Kamyab Jawan Programme was expected to provide employment opportunities to the youth by enabling them to initiate businesses, which would not only generate revenue, but also promote entrepreneurship generating further job opportunities.

Mr Dar said that one million applications had been received from all over the country during the past five weeks. He said that the use of digital portal had accelerated the process of submitting the application whereas most of the applications in KP had been received from Peshawar followed by Swat, Mardan, Chitral, Mansehra, Shangla and Abbottabad.

The chief minister said that the timeline for submission of applications in the merged districts should be extended keeping in view certain factors, including unavailability of internet and banking facilities.

He said that alternate user-friendly mechanism should also be developed for the tribal districts keeping in view dynamics of the region.

He said that directives had already been issued to the quarters concerned to speed up the process of providing loans. He said that the present government was developing a culture of self-reliance among the youth so that they became job providers instead of job seekers. He said that welfare of the youth was the top priority of the government.

He said that through this programme they had also come to know about the nature of business demand in the country that would be helpful to the overall effort of the government to promote employment.

The meeting was also attended by senior minister Mohammad Atif Khan, finance minister Taimur Saleem Jhagra, adviser to the CM on merged districts Ajmal Wazir and other officials.

Awareness termed must for women to claim rights

By Our Correspondent

SWABI: Practical steps are needed for education and empowerment of women, which could help in addressing the issue of gender-based violence.

Political and human right activists said this while speaking at a programme arranged by Swabi Electronic Media Association here on Friday.

They said that only lip service could not address the issue of violence against women and there was an urgent need for implementing various laws in this regard.

Senator Sitara Ayaz said that awareness was must for women to get their rights. “I think Islam is very clear about the rights of women,” she remarked.

Former MPA Dr Yasmin Jasim said that many issues of the females would be addressed if the women lawmakers played their due role. “Just sitting in the assemblies and enjoying privileges could not resolve the women's problems,” she said.

Mohammad Aqil advocate, a rights activist, said that leaders of political parties issued tall statements, but they failed to take practical steps for empowerment of women.

KILLED: An eighth grade student was shot dead in Baja village here on Friday, said police.

The police said that the student was seriously injured when his friend allegedly opened fire on him with a pistol. He was referred from Bacha Khan Hospital Complex, Shahmansoor, to Lady Reading Hospital, Peshawar, in precarious condition, but did not survive.

In another incident, unidentified robbers looted a house in Kala Khan area in absence of its owner.

Registering an FIR in the local police station, Rahmatullah, the owner of the house, stated the robbers broke lock of the cupboard and looted Rs65,000 cash and ornaments. The police have registered the case.



A BOY sells walnuts at Chowk Yadgar, Peshawar. — INP

Experts voice concern about high AIDS incidence

Call for better awareness of disease

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Experts have expressed concern about high incidence of HIV/AIDS among vulnerable segments of society and called for better public awareness of the reasons for the disease.

“Most HIV patients include injecting drug users, transgender persons and sex workers, who can be rehabilitated and efforts are taken to control the disease. The role of community holds key to the control of HIV/AIDS,” head of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa HIV/AIDS Control Programme Dr Saleem Khan told an event at the Peshawar Press Club.

Dr Saleem said HIV, which spread through the exchange of body fluids like semen, virginal fluids and blood, directly affected the immunity of its sufferers.

He said ‘communities make the difference’ was the theme of the World AIDS Day for the year as the communities could help prevent and control the disease in many ways.

The HIV/AIDS control programme head said the intervention of community leaders and advocacy promised the early treatment of HIV cases.

He said the educators, networks of people living with or affected by HIV, women and young people, counsellors, religious leaders, community health workers, door-to-door service providers, and civil society and grassroots activists could be a big help in the fight against HIV/AIDS.



DIRECTOR AIDS programme Dr Saleem Khan addresses mediapersons in Peshawar on Friday. — INP

Expert Dr Mudassir Shahzad said 38.4 per cent of the country's HIV/AIDS patients were injecting drug users, 7.6 per cent transgender persons and 7.4 per cent sex workers both men and women.

He said the province of Punjab had 50pc of the countrywide HIV/AIDS prevalence, Sindh 41pc, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 4.5pc and Balochistan 2.5pc.

The expert said KP had 7.8 per cent IDUs and 3.3 sex workers, while HIV prevalence among general population was below 0.1 per cent.

He said 5,432 HIV/AIDS patients were registered in KP's family care centre, Hayatabad Medical Complex, Lady Reading Hospital Peshawar, and DHQ Teaching Hospital Kohat.

Dr Mudassir said the province had eight HIV/AIDS treatment and care centres, including one each in Hayatabad Medical Complex Peshawar, Lady Reading Hospital Peshawar, DHQ Hospital Kohat, Mardan Medical Complex, Ayub Teaching Hospital Abbottabad, DHQ Hospitals Dera Ismail Khan and Batkhela.

He said print, electronic and social media could play a pivotal role in mobilising the community and help the government fighting HIV/AIDS.

The expert said stigma associated with HIV was the main hurdle to the access of communities to health facilities.

“We need to crate soft images of HIV/AIDS patients in society so that the people stop looking down upon them,” he said.

People of Siraj’s hometown demand basic facilities

TIMERGARA: Residents of Maskini Darra, the home town of Jamaat-i-Islami chief Sirajul Haq at the Pak-Afghan border, on Friday complained about lack of education, health facilities, clean drinking water and deteriorating condition of road.

They made the complaints at an open kutchery arranged by deputy commissioner Saadat Hassan. MPA Haji Bahadar Khan, Commander Jandol Battalion Lt-Col Hameed, elders and former representatives of local government were also in attendance.

The elders demanded widening of the road, posting of a doctor to the BHU Darbar, construction of high and higher secondary schools both for boys and girls, repair of a bridge, provision of water supply and making functional a hydropower plant.

The deputy commissioner ordered officials of different departments to resolve the short-term issues in a half a month's time.

The DC warned that action would be taken against those officers who were not taking interest on the assigned complaints.

Also, the district administration and livestock officers booked seven milk sellers and imposed a fine of Rs10,000 on them from selling adulterated milk.

YOUTH FESTIVAL: The Timergara campus of the Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan on Friday arranged a youth festival. Male and female students took keen interest in quiz competition, essay writing and games.

A book fair was also arranged for developing reading habits among students. Shields and prizes were distributed among the best performing students.

GOVT CRITICISED FOR ‘INCOMPETENCY’: Jamaat-i-Islami provincial chief Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan on Friday said the government mishandled the matter of extending the tenure of army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa.

Addressing a ‘Seerat’ conference at Gadar Chakdara, he insisted that the government was being run on the dictation of IMF.

He said the government had also failed to effectively handle the Kashmir issue. He said ‘jihad’ was the only solution to the Kashmir issue. He said the JI planned to march on Islamabad on Dec 22 against the government's ‘failed policies’.

He said the PTI government was the continuation of previous governments and that there was no change in governance or policies. The JI leader said inflation had stressed the people out.

The senator shed light on the life of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and asked the Muslims to strictly follow His Sunnah. — Correspondent

Lakki villagers protest woman’s killing in ‘police encounter’

By Our Correspondent

LAKKI MARWAT: Hundreds of villagers blocked the Indus Highway near Ghaznikhel here on Friday to protest the killing of a young woman in an alleged police encounter.

On Nov 27, Basmina Bibi along with a proclaimed offender, Gul Faraz, was killed in an exchange of fire with police in Jabukhel village.

Police had claimed the woman armed with an assault rifle had fired at police party, injuring personnel of Rapid Response Force.

On Friday morning, relatives of the deceased woman and the villagers blocked the highway for over three hours.

The protesters chanted slogans against the police.

JUI-F MNA Maulana Mohammad Anwar also joined the protesters and assured them that he would take up the incident with the quarters concerned.

The protesters condemned the woman's killing and said Basmina was innocent. They demanded suspension of Ghaznikhel SHO and registration of murder FIR against him. They also asked for judicial probe into the incident.

Later, assistant commissioner Nadir Shahzad Khan and DSP Hidayatullah reached the place and got the highway reopened after holding successful talks with the elders.

Meanwhile, police arrested two outlaws on Friday. A police official said both the proclaimed offenders named Hayatullah and Nasrullah were arrested without any resistance. He said they carried Rs500,000 head money each.

POLIO OFFICIALS VISIT LAKKI: A team of provincial emergency operation centre (EOC) for polio visited the district on Friday to discuss with the stakeholders matters pertaining to preparations for the anti-polio drive commencing from next month.

The team members met deputy commissioner Jehangir Azam Wazir and got themselves acquainted about the recently-concluded special campaign to cover the refusal cases.

Officials of partners' organisation were also present.

Mr Wazir told the EOC officials that he along with his subordinate officials was able in getting vaccinated over 3,000 children of the refusing parents.

The EOC officials appreciated the administration for ensuring coverage of refusal cases and called for showing the same spirit in the forthcoming anti-polio campaign.

The deputy commissioner said his administration planned to hold an awareness session before the commencement of the anti-polio drive to use influence of religious scholars for coverage refusal cases.

The EOC officials also attended a media-orientation session arranged by district polio control room at Tajazai.

Speakers asked mediapersons to play their role in eradication of polio and enhance people's trust in vaccination. The journalists assured full cooperation in that regard.

Polio campaign to begin in 11 districts on Monday

Dawn Report

PESHAWAR/CHITRAL: The Emergency Operations Centre, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, is set to launch the second phase of four days anti-polio campaign in 11 districts of the province from Monday over the recent surfacing of polio cases and continuous virus circulation in the region.

An official statement said the drive would continue until Thursday and would be followed by catch-up for missed children on the fifth day in Torghar, Lower and Upper Kohistan, Kolai-Palas, Shangla, Battagram, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Haripur, Charsadda and Mohmand districts.

Around 1,193,615 children below the age of five years will be vaccinated by 5,220 teams, including 4,534 mobile, 453 fixed, 195 transit and 38 roaming ones.

It said the campaign would focus on the vaccination of every child for stopping the transmission of virus and polio-outbreak in the region.

Despite continuous campaigns, the polio has not been eradicated from the region. A total of 66 cases have so far been reported in different districts of the province in the current year. Majority of the cases have been reported in southern districts of KP, while seven cases surfaced in Torghar district and one in Shangla district.

EOC coordinator Abdul Basit said anti-polio vaccines were the safest vaccine, which protected millions of children from paralysis in different countries.

He said polio teams were tirelessly working to make vaccine available for children below the age of five in every anti-polio campaign.

He said it was the responsibility of parents and caregivers to ensure the vaccination of their children for their good health.

Also in the day, the district polio eradication committee met in Chitral to discuss preparations for the upcoming anti-polio campaign slated to begin on Dec 16.

Additional deputy commissioner Hayat Shah chaired the meeting.

The participants urged the World Health Organisation to transport vaccine and other related goods to union councils in the district a week before the start of the campaign to ensure the coverage of all 71,808 children to be targeted.

District coordinator of the Expanded Programme on Immunisation Dr Fayyaz Rumi said inclement weather and possible road blockades could hinder vaccination campaign, so the WHO should ensure the early supply of vaccine for the children's vaccination in far-flung valleys even during snowfall.

Two medical stores sealed for selling Indian medicines

LANDI KOTAL: The district administration sealed two medical stores and issued notices to another 10 for selling smuggled Indian medicines.

A statement issued from the Khyber House on Friday said that officials of the district administration and inspectors of drugs control authority randomly conducted surprise raids on at least 22 medicine stores in Bara and Jamrud.

It said the raiding team found two medics involved in selling smuggled Indian medicines and sealed their stores. The officials issued notices to owners of 10 stores for not having pepper licence to run the drug business.

The statement said drug dealers were advised to keep expired drugs in separate shelves and ensure that the medicines purchased had proper warranty mentioned on them.

Meanwhile, the district administration has decided to depute teams of experts to check the legality of all laboratories operating across the district.

Officials said the decision was made after complaints were received about functioning of number of such laboratories.

Meanwhile, the district administration distributed cheques worth Rs13.6 million among 76 terrorism-affected families in Akka Khel area of Bara subdivision.

Officials said over 5,000 houses were found to have been completely damaged and over 3,600 partially damaged during the ongoing damage assessment survey. They said over Rs2.6 billion had already been paid as compensation to the affected families in Bara and Tirah. — Correspondent

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Yarn phone case



This week's craft is very easy to make and you can experiment in anyway you like to give a plastic phone case with your own signature touch

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Top time-wasters to avoid

By Kamal Ahmed Qureshi



These days everyone says that they don't have time, even those things that we once did easily become difficult to squeeze in the 24 hours we have daily. This lack of time becomes all the more troublesome when studies and

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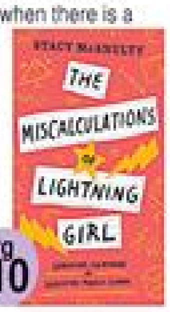
Spotlight

New Year is just around the corner and the entertainment scene is gearing up with lots of new music and movie releases. The week's Spotlight bring you such news and much more inside

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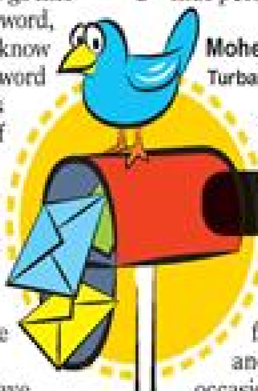
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl

School life stories are always fun to read and when there is a child in it with superpowers, it becomes more interesting. Check out this week's *Book review* to find out more



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Mailbox



Remember to say sorry

We simply say sorry when we want to apologise to someone. If we go into the depth of this word, then we come to know what a powerful word it is. Sorry means the acceptance of what you have done mistakenly, unintentionally or unconsciously.

Sorry does not always mean that we are guilty for what we did and we have learnt from our mistakes. We have been using the word "sorry" in our daily conversation just to fool others when we want to get out of a situation that we don't like to be in or when we are not ready to listen to something.

Moreover, it is also one of our biggest misconceptions that we think saying sorry would make us get less respect and lose our value. When someone makes a mistake, they usually lie about it because they are scared of the punishment or being condemned for doing the bad thing.

If your friend or sibling does something wrong by mistake and says sorry to you, you should forgive and forget the mistake. After that you can think together on how to salvage that mistake.

You may not be able to undo it, but surely you can make up for it. If someone says sorry you should appreciate it and forgive that person.

Moheem Abdullah
Turbat

Say thank you

We should say thank you for many reasons and on different occasions. But it is equally important to have a thankful attitude in general and that is not an easy thing to do.

We must be thankful and grateful for all the blessings in our lives. As a teacher, I have observed that these days, many people seem to take things for granted and in their stride, and therefore feel no need to be grateful for anything. So in order to inculcate the habit of thankfulness in my students, I asked my class to create an art project that depicted people and things that they are grateful for. Children came up with ideas such as life would not be the same without their parents, pets, food and even a television!

Make sure it becomes a routine in your family for everyone to write thank you notes, give presents to express gratitude or hug and kiss to say thank you. Always say thanks to waiters, domestic servants and maids as well as people who open the door for you in restaurants, shops, school and other places.

Rahima Sarwar,
Lahore

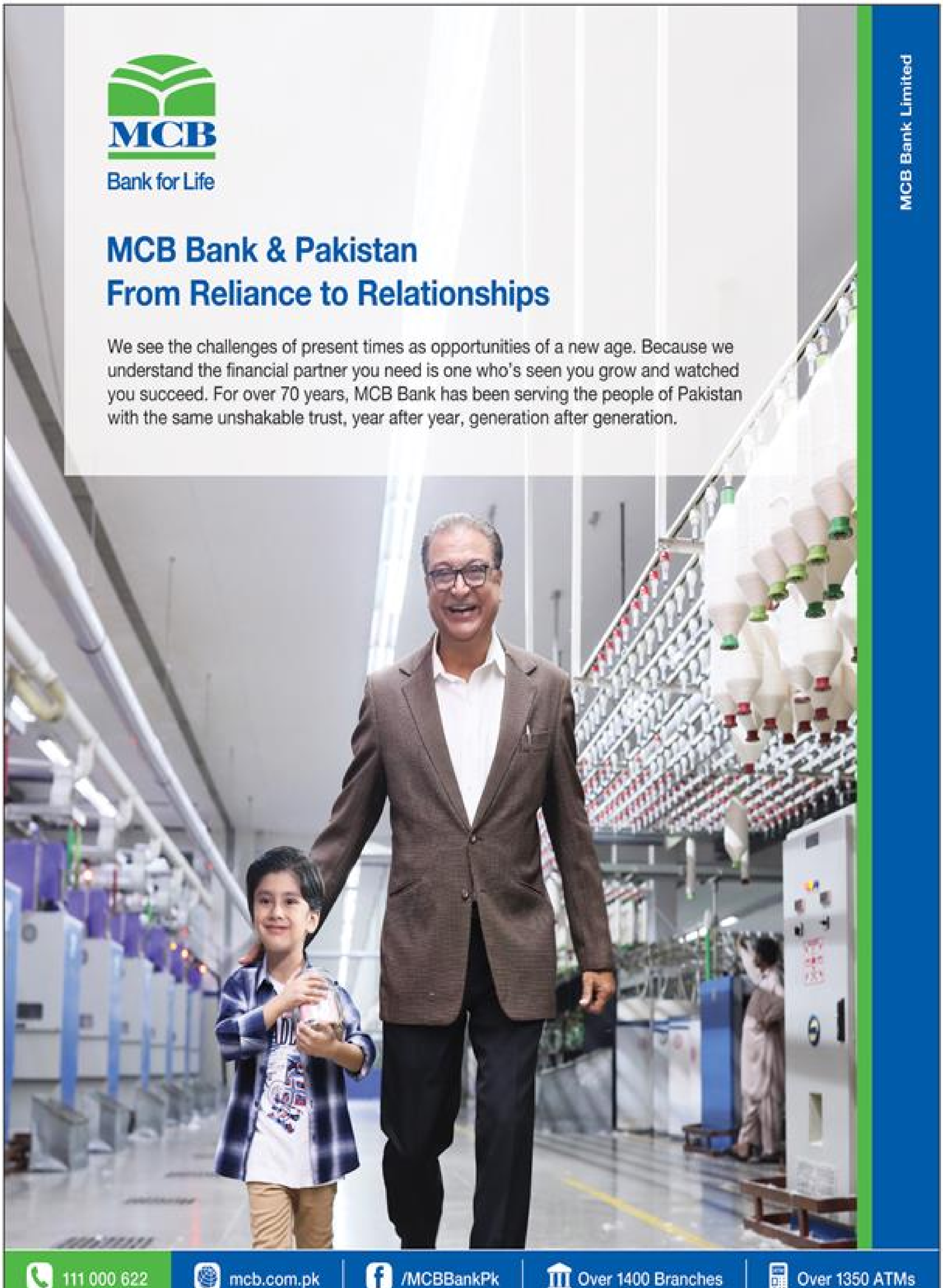
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Word search

The names of the mountains in the list are hidden in this word grid. Can you find them all?

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- NOSHAQ
- KILIMANJARO
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Poet's corner

A father

A father is a
person,
Who cries when he
can't fulfil your wish.
A father is a person,
Who is tired, but with
you he becomes
energetic.
A father is a person,
Who stands with you,
when someone points to you.
A father is a person,
Who corrects you,
when you make
mistakes.
A father is a person,
Who can't spend a day without
you.
A father is a person,
Who is always your
first love.
I love my father.

Jaweria Muccadam,
14 years, Karachi

My mum

My mum is so kind,
She has a great mind,
She helps me in my work,
I always see her doing
work.
She is scared of vice,
Which makes her nice,
She cooks very well,
And can read books very
well.

Muhammad Zaid Aslam,
7 years, Sukkur

Legoland

I went to Dubai Legoland,
In it I saw a small
Miniland.
Everything was made
of little blocks,
We were amazed
and shocked.
It also had a roller
coaster,
On it I cried like a rooster.
Then I went to the
water park,
And I saw pictures of
dolphins and sharks.
After that I went to the Lego
factory,
Where they gave us
little blocks plenty.
We also drove in the
Lego Castle,
Which was not a big hassle.
I enjoyed in the
Legoland,
I wish one opens in our
homeland.

Hadiya Asim,
10 years, Islamabad

Peace

Why is there no peace?
Why only anger?
Why do you have no belief in me?
Why can't you see?
I'm just a fragile item,
Shattered into pieces,
Will you accept me?
I wonder...
See what has happened,
I want to speak,
But are you too deaf to hear
me?
I wonder...
Let me speak out loud!

Mahnoor Zehra,
11 years, Lahore

Air pollution

The smoke is rising,
Our lungs are dying.
The air is polluted,
But its protests are muted.
The pollutants are killers,
In the autumn chillers.
We need to take action,
To reduce the air pollution by a
fraction.
It's now or never,
Or the earth is lost forever.

Muhammad Awais,
12 years, Lahore

Books

Books are our friends,
Full of new trends,
A library has many books,
Good, bad, old and new,
Some are very funny,
Some are very serious,
Some are very informative,
Some make me creative.

Hasan M. Jawa,
9 years, Lahore

Winter

On the first day of
winter,
The drops splashed
on the ground
It's an amazing sound,
The coolness
spreads around.
Having a cup of
coffee,
Under a blanket, in a
hoodie,
Having a book of
biology,
To study and study,
In the cool breeze.
Suddenly the rain
stopped,
And the message came,
Schools have re-
opened.

Sameen Nizamani,
14 years, Hyderabad

A strange week

This week was a strange week,
When my mistakes were at
the peak,
There were still many things
to seek,
I did not seek any as I found
myself weak.
Monday was a lazy day,
I went to the school late,
The teacher asked was I
walking on the way,
That's why, it's the day I totally
hate.
Tuesday was very interesting,
The idea I had was
outstanding,
I answered all the questions
fast,
But I went to school at last.
Wednesday and Thursday were very
hot,
As these were the days in which all
tests I got.
Friday was very lovely,
Because the pack up was so early.
Saturday and Sunday we have
holidays,
As these were the days which lead
to happy ways.
So this was the week, busy and strange,
I hope that the next week will bring
some change.

Minal Rashid,
12 years, Sargodha

Dragon

I am a dragon,
With a long, long tail.
I breathe fire,
Which is hot, hot, hot!
I fly high, high, high,
Up in the sky!

Mohammad Husnain,
7 years, Sukkur

Young World

When *Young World* comes,
Everyone jumps and runs,
To get hold of it,
Or even a fold of it.
What a miracle it is,
The weekly weird, jokes and
quotes,
All in one,
Just for fun.

M. Huzaifah Tariq
13 years, Islamabad

My birthday

Today is my birthday,
It is on Saturday.
I am very happy,
Because I completed my eighth
birthday.
My parents gifted me,
That is a car with a video game,

Showaz Baloch,
8 years, Turbat

Young World

Every Sunday, *Dawn* publishes
Young World,
For students it is like an emerald.
Read it, it will not unnerve,
It will take you to a dream world.
By reading it, knowledge is earned,
And new words are learned.
Every Saturday, with the
newspaper it is unfurled,
Towards wisdom everyone is turned.
When reading *Young World*,
I should not be disturbed.
With stories it is featured,
And by everyone it is preferred.

Muhammad Ahmed,
13 years, Quetta

Spot the difference

There are nine differences in these pictures, see if you can spot them. You can find the answer on **Page 11**



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Insight

By Salman Ahmed Qureshi

Losing isn't failure

I remember the days when I used to be chubby, but an acquaintance cheered me up by saying, "You have lost several pounds."

Nobody loves to lose. Who would like to lose a game of cards, a lucky draw, a job with exceptional perks or any other thing of value? The problem arises with the misperception that you have to win every contest you take part in.

Don't forget that most high achievers have once been losers. Whether it is Thomas Addison, Nelson Mandela, Virginia Woolf, or Abraham Lincoln, the challenges they had to counter failed to disillusion them.

Life would be simpler if you learn how to lose, with the same kind of spirit with which a bulky person steadily loses weight. Don't confuse failure with under-performance. For instance, the last runner in a sprint does not lose, he tried his best but the others did better on that day.



Also, never let a bad experience stop you from taking chances. You are not a loser as long as you keep toiling. Meanwhile, never forget those lessons which a seemingly less lucrative but a concerted effort makes you learn.

No doubt, winning is a good habit. But hard times teach us to lose with grace. The following ideas reiterate how to exhibit sportsman spirit and to beat an ordeal.

Do more, expect less

You tend to feel like a loser when you have surreal expectations from yourself. Great expectations often remain unmet and they may hurt. It is better to do the best possible, stay grounded and leave the rest to God.

It's never over: as an aftermath of an apparent debacle, you may feel that it is all over.

This feeling is an illusion. If you performed poorly today, you can make a better try tomorrow. Though it may appear so, it is never over before you stop trying.

Enjoy the effort

Let's resolve that we won't let craving for success or fear of failure haunt us all the time. Learn to enjoy the journey to your goal. If you are unable to achieve what you enjoy, adapt to enjoying what you have achieved.

Don't repeat mistakes

Even if the results of an effort do not seem favourable, a fair analysis of your mistakes helps. A potential achiever takes a worse experience as the way forward. He does not mind making mistakes, but never repeats them.

No pain, no gain

Just like there is an end to every joy, pains are mortal as well. A bunch of painstaking efforts culminate at one grand victory. As Allama Iqbal, the great thinker and poet said, "For a thousand years the narcissus laments its blindness, but with great difficulty the one with true vision is born in the garden."

Life has different flavours

Sometimes, it is welcoming and, at other times, it becomes challenging. Your craft is to extract good from nothing. Celebrate the harsh days with a broad smile and your perseverance would make your life story stand out and worth sharing. ■

Wonder Craft

By Asif Ali

Yarn phone case



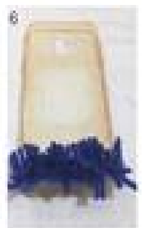
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When plastic back covers of the cell phone become old, they look awful with a visible brown or reddish tint all over them. Yes, they look really terrible; so whether it is your sister, your mother or your brother, don't let them throw out these old cases, keep them and bring life to their dull and dirty look.

There are many ways to make beautiful cases, one of which I am showing you today. This is very easy, but needs a couple of hours to make it in one sitting.

Things you need:

1. Various colours of yarn
2. One Popsicle stick
3. Scissors
4. Old phone case
5. Googly eye, stars, beads (optional)

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Directions:

1. Roll any colour of yarn around a Popsicle stick, picture 2. Don't tighten the grip on the yarn, it should be loose enough so that you can cut it easily in the later step.

2. Keep rolling yarn around the stick until it is quite thick, check the width of the phone case and glue one side of the stick, then paste it on the case, pictures 3 and 4.

3. Leave it for a few seconds, so that the wool sticks perfectly. Insert the scissors from one end of the stick and cut out the yarn carefully, pictures 5 and 6. Discard the stick.

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Photos by the writer

4. Repeat all the three steps by using different colours of yarn, pictures 7 and 8.

5. When you reach the camera or flash holes in the case, leave space for the camera and stick the wool on the sides, according to the size, pictures 9 and 10.

6. The new phone case is almost ready, but it's time to trim the yarn from all the sides and from top as well, picture 11.

7. You can either leave the case as it is or decorate it by pasting beads or stars or even googly eyes.

Surprise your sibling or parents with this reusable phone case! ■

Top time-wasters to avoid

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exams are in full swing.

Well, time has always been constant — with 24 hours in each day and seven days in a week. What has changed is the way we are using our time. We are either trying to do a lot of things or are giving too much time to just a few things, with the result that we often end up with little time for what we want to do or should be doing.

There are so many things that suck away our minutes and hours, keeping us busy, or so we feel, and eventually leaving us too exhausted to do important tasks that we should be doing. These are time-wasters, things that keep us occupied but don't make us accomplish as much as we should. If one is able to identify these time-wasters in time, one can save a lot of time for things that are important and a priority for us.

These time-wasters are not just a problem for students, but adults too and it affects their job performance. We will look at some of these time-wasters that most people remain preoccupied with, but since everyone has different schedules and situations, there can be many other things that suck up their time unnecessarily.

You will have to honestly look at the things you spend your time on, how important they are for you, what you achieve in return and are those things worth the time you are spending on them. Only you can tell whether something is a timewaster for you or not, and only you can modify your routine to use your time to give you the maximum benefit.

This quote from Michael Altshuler, an author, should give you the confidence to take control of your time and use it wisely: "The bad news is, time flies. The good news is, you're the pilot."

Lack of planning

To execute any project successfully, you need a good plan. Consider each day as a project, plan what needs to be done when.

Everyone does something every day – a mother, gatekeeper, shopkeeper, student, teacher, sportsman, bus driver, president, etc. Each person knows the responsibilities they have to fulfil and they plan their day accordingly. One doesn't have to be a CEO with fancy planners and to-do lists to spend the day efficiently. You can plan your day in your head, with timings for most tasks and deadlines for accomplishing them.

If you need inspiration, just look at your mother — how she wake up before everyone else and get the breakfast ready and everyone out of the bed to go to school and offices, and when you return, the house is in order, the laundry is washed, some nice food is ready in the kitchen and a warm smile is offered to everyone.

She must have planned her day properly and set her priority right to have been able to do all this. I am sure she enjoys watching a movie or a drama on TV, but if she would have done that, what state would the house have been in? She too does struggle to find time for all the distractions life now offers, but she sticks to her schedule.

In the same way, you should also plan your day well to complete all the tasks you need to do on set timings, and only indulge in other things when you have extra time. If there are extra activities, tests, exams, matches or an outing coming up, plan ahead for those days by seeing how you will squeeze in time for these things too.



Lack of organisation

While it may seem that planning and organisation are the same things, they are different. By organisation I mean the way you keep your things and the method of doing your tasks.

An organised person keeps things in proper places, well-sorted and arranged. And after using anything, he or she keeps it back in its place so that time is not wasted in searching for it in the future. It may seem a hassle to get up from the bed and keep your notebook back in the school bag, but if you don't do it, you may waste time looking for it when going to school the next morning.

In the same way, if you don't organise your things in the night for the school next day, in the morning you will waste time doing things that you should have done the night before. Your room, study area, school bag and anything else that you use, should be organised. And if you have been too busy to clear things away, do it as soon as you get time.

Looking for something lost is a timewaster, it also makes us stress and frustrated, besides getting tired.

Procrastinating

We are all guilty of this, just sitting there and thinking of all that we have to do, and sometimes don't want to do, while the clock ticks away. Eventually, we do get up and do what we are supposed to do but we have wasted so much time trying to delay it. And we may not even do it well, because our heart is not in it.

If we behave this way each time we are faced with doing what we don't enjoy much or don't want to do at that moment, procrastination becomes a habit and the biggest timewaster troubling us.

Thinking about something brings up a lot of feelings, especially negative ones, so don't dwell on things much — just do it!

Guilt

When we don't do things that we should have done, we tend to feel guilty about it and instead of getting into action to resolve things, we become inactive out of guilt. What's done, is done, don't waste time thinking about.

Guilt is not something to waste time on, instead, it should make you more determined to do better next time.

Unfinished work

I confess to having this habit of starting a lot of things and not finishing any or most of them. And students also tend to do this when they pick up a subject to study or homework to do, and leave it halfway when they get struck in a problem or get bored, and start something else.

But by the time we come back to what we were first doing, we will waste time getting focused and into the rhythm. So finish what you start, unless it is something that is not important and urgent, and you have to stop mid-way to do something that is a priority.

Social media and gadgets

Actually, this point is the top timewaster for everyone today. And we all know this. Once we start staring at a screen, hours pass so fast and before we know it, we have not done a zillion things that we should have done.

We need to remind ourselves that people lived without social media, messages, gadgets and online games in not a very distant past. We can at least set timings for these so that our schedule is not disrupted too much. Posts on social media remain, so we don't have to keep checking it every 15 minutes or so. And many messages, especially on group chats, don't have to be answered or we don't have to comment of every post.

If we stop wasting time in giving a reply to each and everything, liking and commenting on every photo, the world will not come to an end.

Not being able to say no

We can't do everything or please everyone all the time. So we should stop trying to do so. Because we can't say no to someone when they ask us to do something, we often end up sacrificing our time for their benefit.

Frankly, friends and siblings have the tendency of delegating a lot of things to others which they easily can do themselves. Avoid saying yes when you have too much on your own plate. You don't have to be rude, just explain to them what all you need to do first. This should give you the incentive to finish your own tasks first so that you can help out others.

Not putting up boundaries

When you are busy doing anything important, explain to others that you need to concentrate and finish your work. Tell your friends you are busy at such and such times so that they don't call you up or come over to play.

A "Please don't disturb me now, I am busy," is a very simple way to get around the problem of interruptions both at school and at home. Define the days you are free to play games or any such activity, and others will respect your boundaries and not waste your time.

There are many other things that are major time-wasters in everyday life, you have to identify yours and avoid them. It is not very difficult, just try it. ■

Story time

By Sara Javed



A new skill



Zainab felt bored during her summer holidays until she decided to join a neighbourhood story club where she could listen to some wonderful stories. The storyteller's style of telling stories was so captivating that all the children enjoyed themselves.

The club held some other good activities as well, such as debates, picture-description, drawing, painting, interactive-talks, interviews and lots more.

One day, Zainab was assigned a topic to speak on. She had to talk about honesty for 10 minutes. She was worried because she suffered from glossophobia, or speech anxiety, which is fear of public speaking. Zainab began to think of ways to get out of doing this task. She felt helpless. Finding no way out, she went up to the trainer and told her about her phobia, requesting her to spare her from this assignment.

But the trainer refused to accept her excuse and said, "Every single one of us is suffering from one phobia or the other. We should be brave enough to confront our fears. Go ahead and prepare your talk on the given topic and, don't worry, I'll be there to help you."

With no option left, that evening Zainab had to sit and research the topic. Needless to say, she began half-heartedly. It took a lot of thinking and discussions with her parents, but finally she managed to jot down some points. She prayed that her confidence level remained high while she faced her group next day.

When her name was called, she came to the podium with her legs trembling, heart pounding and face red. She tried her best to maintain her poise, introduced herself elegantly and announced the topic she was supposed to speak on.

Numerous pairs of eyes were focused on her. For a moment, she became confused, but soon mustering up some courage, she managed to ask a question: "First, I invite all of you to share your definition of honesty."

Many hands raised in response. She allowed one girl to speak at a time.

At this moment, she realised that she was in-charge of the task. It boosted her confidence up to the skies. The talk was excellent and the session ended with a thunderous applause.

Some of the points Zainab talked about were as follows:

Honesty, on the student's part includes:

- Speaking the truth.
- Admitting being wrong.
- Not cheating in exams.
- Giving due attention to studies.
- Mentioning the reference when quoting a text.
- Not giving a false excuse for being absent on test day, or for not doing homework.
- Not eating someone else's lunch or using their stationery without permission.

Honesty on the teacher's part includes:

- Preparing for the lectures diligently and delivering them effectively.
- Giving satisfactory answers to the students' queries.
- Making sure that every student is learning the daily lessons and completing the assessments on time.
- Planning the course according to the given instructions.
- Following all the rules set by the institute, e.g. not using the mobile phone in classroom.

Honesty in daily life:

- When you are given permission to go to a particular friend's place, don't slip out from there to another friend's place.
- Don't spread rumours.
- If parents don't allow you to play a particular game, stay away from it.
- If someone has trusted you with something, whether to keep something safe or their secret, do not betray their trust.

Advantages of honesty:

As you well know, honesty is the best policy. It gives you the best reward in this world as well as in the hereafter.

Honesty ensures authenticity. And on top of it all, it gives a person an inner satisfaction and a sound conscience.

Everyone loves and trusts a person who is honest.

She felt victorious after the talk, as she had finally overcome her phobia and learnt a new skill. ■

Jokes



Q: "What part of the fish weighs the most?"
A: "The scales."



Q: "What did the astronaut say when he crashed into the moon?"
A: "I Apollo-gise."



Q: "Where do sheep go on vacation?"
A: "The Baaa-hamas."



Q: What do you call bears with no ears?"
A: "B."



Q: "How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?"
A: "You rocket!"

Q: "How do we know that the ocean is friendly?"
A: "It waves!"

Q: "How does a scientist freshen her breath?"
A: "With experi-mints!"



Geography

1 Is there more land mass in the northern hemisphere or the southern hemisphere?

2 Among the North Pole and the South Pole, which one is situated on an ocean and which one is situated on land?

3 What is the old name of Mexico City?

4 What is the official language of Greenland?

5 Macau is an autonomous territory belonging to which country?

6 What is the name for the monetary unit used in Thailand?

7 Montevideo is the capital city of which South American country?

8 What is the only territory of the mainland Americas that is still part of a European country?

9 What African country was officially known as Zaire between 1971 and 1997?

—Ahzam Ahmed

ANSWERS

1. The northern hemisphere. About 67.3% of all land lies in the northern hemisphere, whereas 32.7% of all land lies in the southern hemisphere.
2. The North Pole is situated on an ocean, Arctic Ocean, while the South Pole is situated on land, Antarctica.
3. Tenochtitlan
4. Greenlandic
5. China
6. Thai Bhat
7. Uruguay
8. French Guyana
9. The Democratic Republic of the Congo





Spotlight

Selena Gomez announces her new album release date



In a trailer shared to *YouTube*, Gomez announced that the still-untitled record — currently referred to as "SG2" — will be released on January 10.

The video features excerpts from *Instagram* livestreams of Gomez working on the new record as well as snippets of two recently released songs, "Look at Her Now" and "Lose You To Love Me", that will also appear on the new album.

Gomez also teased that the final title and track list will be "coming soon."

Fans will be able to pre-order the new album on digital music services as well as retailers such as Target, which will have a special version of the album with additional tracks. ■

New look for *Sonic the Hedgehog*



If you have been following the upcoming *Sonic the Hedgehog* movie trailers and posters, then you must have noticed the weird eyes, human-like teeth and muscular legs of Sonic, which received a huge backlash from all over the world.

Thankfully, Paramount and Sega took this criticism seriously and director Jeff Fowler announced in May that the film would be delayed so that the production team could work on Sonic's appearance. Now a new trailer has been released and we can see Sonic is brought back to his original look.

The new trailer features Sonic, voiced by Ben Schwartz, grabbing the attention of the US government and the villainous Dr Robotnik (Jim Carrey) due to his incredible speed. Sonic befriends a new human friend Tom (James Marsden) who helps him escape from Robotnik. The pair set off on a journey to stop Robotnik as Sonic becomes a hero for earth. ■

First trailer of *Call of the Wild*



Twentieth Century Fox released the first trailer for its upcoming film adaptation of Jack London's adventure novel *The Call of the Wild*.

Directed by Chris Sanders, the live-action movie stars Harrison Ford alongside photorealistic animated animals. It is set for theatrical release in 2020 and co-stars Dan Stevens, Karen Gillan, Omar Sy and Bradley Whitford.

"*The Call of the Wild* vividly brings to the screen the story of Buck, a big-hearted dog whose blissful domestic life is turned upside down when he is suddenly uprooted from his California home and transplanted to the exotic wilds of the Alaskan Yukon during the Gold Rush of the 1890s," a synopsis said.

The movie marks Ford's first on-screen film role since 2017's *Blade Runner 2049*. He lent his voice to the character of Rooster in the cartoon blockbuster *The Secret Life of Pets 2* earlier this year. ■

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The weekly weird

Compiled by B.R.

Rare purebred dingo pup found

Veterinarian Rebekah Day of Alpine Animal Hospital in Bright, Victoria, said a Wandiligong family found a rare purebred dingo pup in their backyard and initially left it alone, believing to be a stray dog.

The family eventually brought the puppy to an animal hospital when no one came to claim the canine and Day noticed marks on the animal's back that indicated it may have been dropped into the backyard by a bird of prey.

Lyn Watson, director of the Australian Dingo Foundation, asked Day to send a genetic sample from the puppy to the University of New South Wales, which revealed the animal was 100 percent purebred dingo.

The dingo, now named Wandi, was taken into the care of the Australian Dingo Foundation, which said the young canine will be an important part of its breeding programme for the species, which is listed as 'vulnerable' by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. ■



Worm in man's eye

Recently, a stomach-churning video surfaced on the internet, showing medics removing a 7cm long wriggling worm from Jasubhai Patel's right eye after he complained about pain and itching him for the last few months.

The patient, from India, desperately sought help from several doctors but couldn't be diagnosed with any illness. Finally a medic spotted the parasite squirming at the back of his eye. The doctor warned that the worm could damage the man's eyesight if it was not removed immediately and could go to the brain through the bloodstream.

Doctors suspect the worm in the patient's eye could have entered through a dog bite because dogs and cats have these parasites in their tongue. On investigating from the patient, it was revealed that Mr Patel had been bitten by a dog some years earlier. ■



Snow crab auctioned for record $46,000

A snow crab, caught in Japan, was auctioned for a record $46,000. The Tottori Prefecture Fisheries Association said the 2.7-pound itsukiboshi crab, which boasts a 5.7-inch shell, was caught at the start of the fishing season and was sold at the first auction of the season at Tottori port.

The crab fetched a high bid of $46,000 from crab seller Kanemasa Hamashita Shoten. The company previously set a world record last year when it paid $18,300 for a crab auctioned in the same place.

"We came to this year's first auction hoping that we would bid the world's highest price again," a representative for the company told. The representative said the crab is destined for a restaurant in the Ginza shopping district of Tokyo. ■

Good news for tea lovers!

A British hotel is offering $129 for a single day of unusual work — taste-testing tea, cakes and other snacks.

The Daffodil Hotel & Spa in Grasmere, England, said selected taste-testers will be treated to an afternoon of tea and snacks, including beetroot and goat cheese scones, wreath cookies and peppermint pie.

The taste testers will receive $129 compensation as well as a free night's stay for themselves and a guest.

"We are preparing to launch our luxurious 'Festive Afternoon Tea', and are looking for a team of tasters to help us make sure that it's the very best on offer in the UK," the hotel said.

Applications for the dream job are being accepted on the hotel's website. ■



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Story time

By Rida Rahman



Help!

"Help! Help!" These voices often echoed in the dark, quiet street which was known as 'The Haunted Street'. Here, the third house on the left was ours. The screams would terrify the people living on this street, but no one believed that they were real. People would say that an innocent woman was killed on this street by the cruel owner of the house. He had killed her for not paying the rent and now her ghost roams around the street. All these horrible bad thoughts went round in my head whenever I heard these voices.



One night, as I was late coming home from a close friend's party, I wished that I had accepted the offer of a sleepover instead of wandering down this haunted street. I was really scared. The voices of the woman again echoed in the air. I felt a shiver run down my spine.

At first, I decided to quickly run towards my house and save myself from these horrible screams, but then I thought about my mother who used to say, "Never run away and leave someone in a bad situation. Always help them."

I decided to help this person in distress. I traced the voices and trailed them. And, finally I figured out where the voices were coming from. They were coming from a large football field which was almost 10 metres away from my house. At one end of the football field, I saw a girl almost my age tied to the goalpost. She seemed to have fainted.

I tiptoed and entered the football field. Suddenly a man wearing a black mask and a scarf entered the football field and spotted me. He looked petrified for a minute. But he quickly took action and started to chase me around the football field.

We both were running like cat and mouse. Whenever, I remember that scene I cannot stop my giggles.

He got hold of me and tied me to the other end of the goalpost. As soon as he tied me to the goalpost, sirens of the police car were heard. The police car stopped outside the football field.

The policemen surrounded the football field and soon this man was caught by them and arrested. We found out that the old woman whose house was next to the football field woke up and heard the screams of the girl and she called the police. The old woman had done something great by helping us.

The girl thanked the woman and me, and I thanked the old woman as well. But to this day no one knows who that girl was, what was she doing there and no one had ever seen her after that night.

Nowadays, I visit the old woman every week. Sometimes I do wake up and feel that I am hearing some strange noise coming from outside. No, I don't go out to check, but I am glad that I did stop that day for the cries for help did turn out to be real. ■

Book review

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl

By Talat Naz

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty tackles many issues that most school children can easily relate to and there is just the right amount of superpowers to make superhero fantasy readers pick it up too.

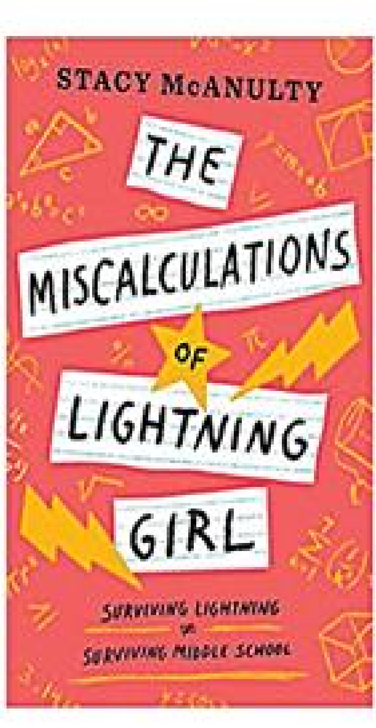
Lucy Callahan becomes a very special girl after being struck by lightning when she was just eight — her brain has become a supercomputer as far as maths is concerned. Since then Lucy has been home-schooled and she's mastered every maths problem she comes across, and by the time she is 12, Lucy is ready for college.

No, she doesn't go to college at 12, as her grandmother sensibly suggests that she needs to experience real life, the life she missed in middle school so she has to go to middle school (grade seven) for one year. And not just that, Lucy is also told to do other things besides studies while there — like make friends, take part in school activity, and explore other subjects and books. Thinking this won't be hard for a genius like her, Lucy agrees to this idea, though a bit reluctantly since she considers it a waste of time. But middle-school is more than getting good grades, as Lucy soon learns.

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl brings alive school life with all its stresses, friendships, bullies, laughter and fights. The characterisation is on point, making the readers relate and sympathise with even the minor ones, without making anyone too much of a caricature. I particularly liked the teacher-student bond presented in the story, for no doubt connectivity does bring out the best in students and the right teachers can make their students overcome any hurdle.

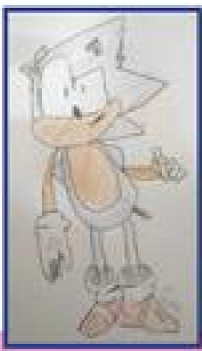
As the story progresses, Lucy evolves and learns that despite being a math whiz and intellectually superior than those around her, she has much to learn from them and there is so much that others can do better than she can. For instance, homeschooling has never given Lucy a chance to indulge in a project with others and interact with different kinds of people in the community, or handle public speaking with confidence. Lucy learns to let go of her need for structure and a rigid routine to be able to deal with the unpredictability and chaos in real life.

The language and flow of the story is easy, the chapters are short and the plot twists have an emotional note that keep your attention till the end. ■



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How can I get more people to see my work?



Rayyan Hamza
8 years, Karachi



Inayah Shaikh
9 years, Dera Ismail Khan



Bareera Junaid
12 years, Karachi



Manahil Siddiqui
7 years, Karachi



Zain Ehtisham
11 years, Karachi



Bakhtawar
12 years, Daharki



Saddam Baloch
10 years, Dasth



Fatima Fayyaz
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Khyzran Abbasi
12 years, Bahawalpur



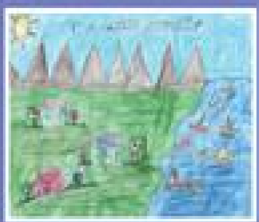
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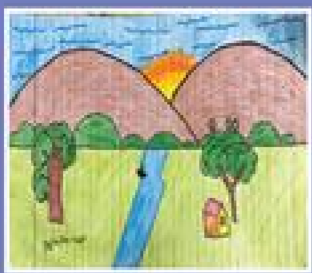
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Rabeesa Munir
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Asim
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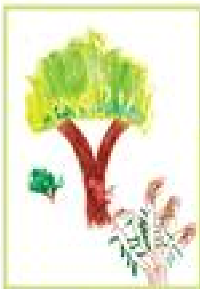
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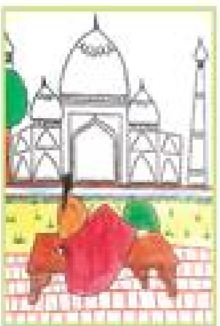
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5 years, Islamabad



Rameen Sajjad
5 years, Islamabad



Fareed Asif
11 years, Lahore



Eshaal Mujahid
9 years, Karachi



Hafsa Pervez
7 years, Karachi



Aayal Rut
8 years, Faisalabad



Fahran Fazal Karim
8 years, Karachi

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Movie review

Frozen 2

By Omair Alavi

Follow Queen Elsa and Princess Anna into the unknown where they uncover secrets previously hidden from their family and people. In *Frozen 2*, the sequel to the successful *Frozen*, the Queen of Arendelle and her younger sister have grown up and have been making their parents proud by ruling their kingdom as they would have expected.

However, there is a strange siren voice that is only audible to Elsa, and she has to deal with it on her own. When things in the kingdom go haywire due to the magical happenings in the Enchanted Forest, Elsa and Anna, accompanied by Kristoff, his reindeer, Sven, and Olaf decide to investigate — both the origin of the mysterious voice and the secret of the Enchanted Forest.



What makes *Frozen 2* better than its sequel is the impressive soundtrack, the stunning visuals and a story that grows on you. Mind you, the girls who went crazy when "Let it Go" was released six years back are now wiser, mature and more into *Frozen* than before. They can connect with Elsa (Idina Menzel) and Anna (Kristen Bell) at a personal level, and that could have added pressure on the directors Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee as well as composer Christophe Beck.

Thankfully, they managed to carve a gem in the form of this movie, filling in the missing pieces with flashback sequences that includes their parents King Agnarr and Queen Iduna (Alfred Molina, Evan Rachel Wood), and what made them meet in the first place.

Like the first flick, *Frozen 2* is more of a musical than a magical animated film, inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's *The Snow Queen*. Here, every song has a meaning and is interlinked with the story, making it faster-paced than the original. With numbers like "Show Yourself"and "Into The Unknown" making it to the top of the charts, the soundtrack will inspire young girls, especially *Frozen* fans to take on the world, and let the fear go. Songwriters Robert Lopez and Kristen Anderson-Lopez manage to strike gold second time around!

However, that doesn't mean that the film's action sequences are second-best; they are more engaging this time around. The stunning 3D effects will not let you take your eyes away from the screen as they will captivate you the moment they appear in front of you. The plot is engaging and handles the loose ends of the first film, entertaining both six year-olds and 60 at the same time.

The Marshmallow Monster is back and so are the Trolls, giving the audience all the more reasons to go and watch the film, and 'do the next right thing'. ■

Quotes

"Discipline is the difference between what you want now and what you want most."

— Anon

"If we don't discipline ourselves, the world will do it for us."

— William Feather (Author)

"You can never conquer the mountain. You can only conquer yourself."

— Jim Whittaker (Mountaineer)

"Some people regard discipline as a chore. For me, it is a kind of order that sets me free to fly."

— Julie Andrews (Actor)

Lack of discipline leads to frustration and self-loathing.

— Marie Chapian (Writer)